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Bernstorff Looks To the League of Nations As Germany's Salvation

WANT TO SEND STRONG ALLIED ARMY TO RUSSIA

BY J. W. T. MASON.
New York, Dec. 21.—Influences are being exerted on the allied nations to send a strong army into Russia to overcome the bolsheviks and establish a more moderate form of government at Petrograd or Moscow.
Intervention in the internal affairs of Russia by the world's democracies would be primarily for the purpose of safeguarding the funds of investors in Russian securities.
The United States has consistently refused to permit European financiers to collect debts by warships in South America. If a reversal of this policy were made in the case of Russia, it is highly probable that the Russians would be driven into an eventual alliance with Germany.
Russia cannot be conquered. At great cost the allies and America might bring about the overthrow of Lenin and Trotsky, but Russia instead of being crushed, would be filled with a vengeful desire against the western democracies that sooner or later would lead to new conflicts.

WAR PREVENTION GREAT GOAL SAYS PRESIDENT WILSON

London, Dec. 21.—The London Times published today an exclusive interview with President Wilson, cabled by its special correspondent in Paris.
Asked what, in his mind, was the great purpose of the conference and the great goal toward which the delegates would arrive, the President said:
"I think the plain man in the street can answer that as well as I can. The plain people of all nations, now are looking with anxious expectations toward Versailles, and I am sure they are asking themselves this one question:
"Will there be found enough of wisdom and purpose among the statesmen there assembled to create a safeguard against future wars?"
The first question asked by the interviewer was why the President had come to Europe. To this Mr. Wilson replied:
"It is obvious that the forthcoming conference is of such overwhelming importance that the United States cannot refuse to share with the allies the great responsibility for civilization."
"It is only by the frankest personal consultation with the statesmen of the allied countries that I can, in some measure, assist in the solution of these problems."
"I hope," continued the President, "to confer in the near future not only with the allied statesmen assembled in France, but also to visit the allied countries and there learn, by personal contact, as much as I can of the general sentiments with regard to the chief problems."
"I am anxious to go to England because I have reason to know with what unanimity and with what passion of conviction the people of Great Britain and America have entertained the same conception of liberty and justice."
"It is essential to the future of the world that there should be the frankest possible co-operation and the most generous understanding between the two English-speaking democracies."

BRITISH FLEET COMING TO AMERICA

London, Dec. 21.—It is reported that the Admiralty views favorably the suggestion that a large part of the British fleet, commanded by Admiral Sir David Beatty, should visit the United States.
No date for the visit has been fixed, but it is understood that it will be made immediately after peace has been signed. Subsequently the fleet will make a tour of the British dominions.
The war cabinet and admiralty have decided that Admiral Viscount Jellicoe, former Chief of the Naval Staff, shall visit the dominions and India in February, to advise the respective authorities on naval matters.
WANT TO TALK PEACE.
Amsterdam, Dec. 21.—Richard Barth, has proposed that the council of six send a delegation to Versailles immediately to ask the allies if they are ready to discuss peace.

ENGLAND GIVES FRENCH LEADERS GREAT OVATION



Arrival of French notables at the Charing Cross station in London. Upper picture shows Baron Sonnino, Italian foreign minister (1), Andrew Bonar Law (2), Premier Clemenceau (3) and David Lloyd George (4). Below are Marshal Foch, at left, and the Duke of Connaught.

GREAT BRITAIN READY TO GO LONG WAY TO MEET VIEWS OF WILSON

Paris, Dec. 21.—Great Britain is willing to go as far as possible to meet President Wilson's point of view regarding "freedom of the seas" according to the advanced skirmishes of the British peace delegation.
They say that Great Britain is fully cognizant of the necessity for revising antiquated sea laws. But they point out that any such revision must be consistent with Great Britain's insular position, which they believe, Wilson himself will agree, requires special consideration and safeguards.
These Britishers, who while not officials, are high in the councils of the empire, are giving the impression that Anglo-American differences regarding "freedom of the seas," and other Wilsonian principles, are not fundamental and most likely will be reconciled when the president and Lloyd George have the opportunity for a direct exchange of opinions about the details.
The greatest regret is expressed by these unofficial diplomats that Lloyd George's conference with Wilson has been delayed, in as much as the French are busy utilizing every opportunity to cultivate the president and the American delegation.
They express the belief, that Wilson, because of his lack of direct knowledge, will acquire erroneous impressions about the British attitude.
Regarding indemnities, even Lloyd George's closest friends admit he went much further in the heat of the election campaign than he himself had intended. He is said to be prepared to advocate a cooler atmosphere at the Quai D'Orsay (French foreign office). On the other hand, it is known that Wilson himself is somewhat embarrassed, owing to the delays he has experienced in getting into immediate touch with the British leaders.
He would have much preferred informal conferences with them and the French together for the purpose of a proper comparison and coordination of views. He is also extremely anxious to complete all this preliminary work as soon as possible and be ready for the informal inter-allied conference, which is expected to begin the first week in January. He wants to give the conference his undivided attention when once it starts.

GERMAN DEAD WILL TOTAL 2,000,000

New York, Dec. 21.—When the complete German casualties are published the number of dead will be about 2,000,000, according to the Cologne Gazette of November 25, a copy of which has been received here.
The total October 24, which did not include casualty lists from the fighting on the western front after that date nor the German losses in Palestine, was apportioned by the paper as follows among the various army contingents:
Prussia: 1,262,000 dead; 2,882,671 wounded; 616,139 missing. Total, 4,760,810.
Bavaria: 150,658 dead; 363,823 wounded; 72,115 missing. Total, 586,596.
Saxony: 108,017 dead; 252,027 wounded; 51,787 missing. Total, 411,831.
Württemberg: 64,507 dead; 155,654 wounded; 16,802 missing. Total, 236,963.
Navy: 25,862 dead; 28,968 wounded; 15,679 missing. Total, 70,509.

SIXTEEN BILLION DOLLARS VOTED BY CONGRESS NOT SPENT

Washington, Dec. 21.—More than \$16,000,000,000 of cash appropriations and contract authorization voted by Congress for war purposes will be unexpended, Representative Sherley of Kentucky, Chairman of the House Appropriation Committee, announced Friday.
Total appropriations and authorizations voted during the war amount to about \$57,000,000,000 including \$10,000,000,000 of authorizations for war time loans to foreign governments. The loans actually made total about \$8,000,000,000.
"More than \$8,000,000,000 of cash appropriations and approximately \$8,000,000,000 of contract authorizations will be turned back into the Treasury," said Representative Sherley. "Most of the money will come from the War Department, the largest saving of course, being from ordnance, because the greatest amount of money was appropriated for that."

"PURE BUNK" IS STORY ABOUT SINKING SHIPS

Paris, Dec. 21.—The report that the American commissioners had decided to advocate sinking of the surrendered German fleet, is "pure bunk," a high authority informed the United Press today.
Submitting suggestions regarding the German fleet or guessing how it will be disposed of, are among the favorite pastimes here at present. The same applies to disposition of the former kaiser.
As a matter of fact, nothing in regard to either has been decided upon as yet. A number of proposals have been received, but they have not yet been thoroughly discussed.
The American commissioners certainly have arrived at no decision regarding the General shipping situation. Several angles were expected to be taken up today, however when Edward Hurly, met representatives of Great Britain, France and Italy.

IMMIGRANT LABOR WILL POUR INTO U.S. WHEN GATES OPEN

Washington, Dec. 21.—Immigrant laborers from Europe will come pouring into American ports the minute the flood gates are opened. This is the forecast today of officials and diplomats who have given study to the problem.
Even with the war sealed lid over, 110,000 immigrants slipped into the United States last year, official figures show.
At the bureau of immigration, a rush exceeding anything previously known is expected—largely from Southern European countries.
Ship passage will be hard to get for some time and this will operate as a check—but within six months, unless legislative restrictions are imposed, or unless foreign governments take measures to hold their people, in bound, steerages will be packed with immigrants.
Reduced wages will follow any such inflow of laborers, labor men said.
Rome dispatches state 20,000 Italians have already applied for passports to America. Greece will send thousands. Both countries have large surpluses.

PROMINENT MAN DIES

Cincinnati, Dec. 21.—James S. Nicholson, builder of Cincinnati's first "sky-scraper," died from influenza in Chicago, yesterday.

HOLLAND TO KEEP EX-KAISER, SAYS PRIME MINISTER

Jonker Ruys von Beerenbrouck.
Holland will not turn over ex-Kaiser Wilhelm to the allies or Germany, according to Jonker Ruys von Beerenbrouck, new prime minister. Von Beerenbrouck is president of the refugees committee which aided the Belgians and naturally is bitter against Germany. He has the respect of his political opponents as well as his constituents. He is one of the leaders of the Roman Catholic movement against intolerance in Holland.
Establishment of a Jugo-Slav state and an independent state formed by the Czech-Slovaks.
Security of Greece and the settlement of Albania and Montenegro.
Restoration of Rumania, and the consolidation of the Rumanian people under one government.
Putting Constantinople under international protection.
Independence of Armenia.
A large powerful and independent polish state.

FORMER GERMAN AMBASSADOR TO UNITED STATES GIVES OUT FIRST INTERVIEW SINCE HE LEFT AMERICA

By Frank J. Taylor.
(Copyright, 1918, by United Press.)
Berlin, Dec. 20.—(11:45 a. m.)—The German people feel that their political salvation is contingent upon the successful inauguration of a league of nations, according to the opinion of Count Johann von Bernstorff, former German ambassador to the United States. Bernstorff, who knows the American president personally better than any other German in public life, is optimistic over the outlook for a peace settlement along the lines advocated by President Wilson.
Bernstorff, who, since his call from Turkey, has been acting technically as foreign secretary, under the socialist government, gave the United Press today the first public utterance which he has directed at America since our declaration of war against Germany.
"The people of Germany are overwhelmingly aware that their salvation as well as the salvation of the entire world lies in a strong league of nations, founded on a peace of justice and right," declared Bernstorff.
"They are confident, that, under the leadership of President Wilson, such a league can be inaugurated at the coming peace conference, blessing the entire war-weary world."
An attempt at this point to draw the ex-ambassador out on other lines, failed. He refused absolutely to discuss at this time the charges made in the United States that Captain Boyed and Captain Von Papen, former attaches of the kaiser's embassy in Washington, were involved in plots against the United States government. He did, however, deny emphatically that he was in any way implicated in any such conspiracies. With-out consenting to be quoted on the point, Von Bernstorff reiterated his statement made on leaving the United States in 1917, namely that he had done everything in his power to prevent a break with the United States. He asserted that he had never for a moment doubted the gravity of this error on the part of the kaiser's government.
Returning to the subject of the league of nations, which, with the ex-ambassador as with every other German in official life, seems to be the paramount issue of the hour, Bernstorff said:
"All classes of Germans are hopeful that the league will be created. This sentiment is not new. A majority of the German people have long held the view that the whole future of humanity depends upon a world organization of this kind. Many of us were already consistently advocating the idea, even during the days when the German armies had every prospect of victory in the field."
"In order to further the plan in any way possible in Germany we have founded a German league of Nations Society with a membership representing all classes of political opinion. These members include Friedrich Ebert, Hugo Haase, Prince Max of Baden, myself and numerous other men prominent in German government affairs."
"A few months ago an open society would have been bitterly assailed by the pan-German press but now the society meets universal endorsement."
"Personally I have felt sympathetic toward such a league ever since President Wilson's speech upon the subject in May, 1915. Fortunately, however, my views then found little sympathy in the imperial government. But I have always favored the league not only since break in relations between the United States and Germany, but before that event."

LEAGUE OF NATIONS WILL TEND TO EMBARRASS WORLD SAYS LODGE

Washington, Dec. 21.—Calling President Wilson's league of nations idea "captivating and attractive" Senator Lodge, Republican floor leader today seriously questioned its practicability as a working plan to keep the peace of the world. Attempt to form an effective league now, Lodge said, can only tend to embarrass the peace of the world.
"Intelligent discussion becomes difficult when the league of nations drape themselves in trailing clouds of glory and omit to tell us conditions to which they propose to bind the nations," Lodge added. He followed with a series of questions as to who would be members of the league, whether Germany is to be included and whether small nations are to have a vote equal to the larger ones. Lodge urged postponement of discussion of these five of the present fourteen peace terms, until a satisfactory and binding peace treaty has been signed:
League of nations.
Freedom of the seas.
Secret Diplomacy.
Economic barriers.
Reduction of armaments.
Declaring that Germany did not change its nature overnight when the kaiser ran away to Holland, Lodge demanded a peace treaty backed by physical guarantees that would make it impossible for that country "to break out again upon the world, with a war of conquest."
Reiterating earlier declarations, Lodge said such a peace treaty should include these provisions:
"Indemnity for the United States for ships destroyed and people murdered on vessels.
Restitution in part at least, of the waste expenses forced upon us by Germany.
Restitution of Belgium.
Return of Alsace-Lorraine to France.
Return of the Italia Irrentia to Italy.
Establishment of a Jugo-Slav state and an independent state formed by the Czech-Slovaks.
Security of Greece and the settlement of Albania and Montenegro.
Restoration of Rumania, and the consolidation of the Rumanian people under one government.
Putting Constantinople under international protection.
Independence of Armenia.
A large powerful and independent polish state.

MAN ACQUITTED OF MURDER GETS DIVORCE

Cleveland, Dec. 21.—Elmer Hupp, wealthy oil and gas operator returned to Texas today, having been granted a divorce from his wife Ethel. The decree was granted late yesterday Hupp charged cruelty.
The suit was filed after Hupp had been acquitted of murder. He was arrested after he had shot and killed John Joyce, whom he had found in his home.

BURLESON HALTS AIR MAIL SERVICE

Washington, Dec. 21.—Aerial mail service between New York and Chicago was ordered halted by Postmaster General Burleson today until January 2.
The suspension is due to the condition of the motors on the mail planes, 90 per cent of which, over-heat, it was stated, necessitating the taking apart and reassembling of all motors.

LOCAL ITEMS

Mrs. Lewis Weaver and sons Merrill and Paul, are improving from influenza.

Word has been received from Corporals Raymond Stutsman and Warren Keiter of the 330 Infantry, that they have had the honor of being promoted to Sergeants.

Double or whipping cream for Christmas. Place your orders early. J. A. Levick, Bell phone. adv.12-21

The condition of Mr. Lee Gage, of near this city, remains serious.

If you can't decide—give him a Critteron Gift Certificate. adv.12-23

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Eavey and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Van Horn are spending a few days at Sulphur Lick Springs, Dr. A. D. DeHaven who accompanied them, expected to return home Saturday.

For his Christmas a Gift Certificate from The Critteron, issued for any amount redeemable any time. adv.12-23

Miss Margaret Shelly, who is a student at the Ursuline convent, in Brown county, arrived home today for the Christmas vacation. Her mother, Mrs. Anna Shelly, went to Cincinnati to meet her daughter, and accompanied her home.

Our store open Monday and Tuesday evening, Dec. 23 and 24, until 9:00 P. M. Hutchison & Gibney. 20-21

Miss Dorothy Zell is home from Miami University for the holidays.

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Mrs. Walter Ferguson of the Clifton pike, sustained a dislocation of the knee when she slipped and fell at her home Friday evening.

Let us tell you about our free sale bill proposition. Call at this office.

Influenza has stricken the family of Frank Beam of near New Burlington. Mr. Beam and seven of his children have been victims of the malady, but are convalescent now.

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There's iron in Bio-feron—the kind of iron that makes red blood corpuscles and creates vigor. There is lecithin also; probably the best brain invigorator known to science. Then there is good old reliable gentian, that brings back your lagging appetite.

There are other ingredients that help to promote good health, as you can see by reading this formula, not forgetting kolo, that great agent that puts the power of endurance into weak people.

Taken altogether Bio-feron is a splendid active tonic that will greatly help any weak, run-down person to regain normal strength, energy, ambition and endurance.

Bio-feron is sold by Sayre & Hemphill, Xenia, Ohio, and all reliable druggists, and is inexpensive. For weakness after influenza patients are advised to take two tablets after each meal and one at bed time—seven a day, until health, strength and vigor are fully restored.

It will not fail to help you and if for any reason you are dissatisfied with results your druggist is authorized to return your money upon request—without any red tape of any kind.

Note to physicians: There is no secret about the formula of Bio-feron, it is printed on every package. Here it is: Lecithin; Calcium Glycero-phosphate; Iron Peptonate; Manganese Peptonate; Est. Nux. Vomica; Powdered Gentian; Phenolphthalein; Glycerin Capsicum, Kolo.

WEATHER REPORT

Rain tonight, Sunday part cloudy south, rain north portion, slightly cooler west portion.

Fleming Dean, who has been a member of the S. A. T. C. at Muskingum College, has been honorably discharged and has arrived home for the holidays. He was accompanied by a college friend, Harold Grant, of Rye-gate, Vermont, who will spend the holidays here. Mr. Dean expects to finish the year at Muskingum.

For Sale—Home-made Mince Meat, at Wolf's grocery. adv.12-21

Friends wishing to see the body of Elmer Black, may do so by calling at 121 Fayette street, after 7:30 Saturday evening.

Dance at K. of P. hall tonight, Good music. adv

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lumpkin and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Atkinson motored to Cincinnati on Thursday and spent the day visiting the war exposition.

Subscriptions and renewals to other publications will be accepted this year as usual, at the Gazette and Republican office. We can make club prices on any magazines published, thus saving you time and money. 12-31

Judge and Mrs. C. F. Howard will go to Cleveland Monday, to spend Christmas with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hawkins.

For Sale—Silk lamp shade, old rose. Inquire at 35 W. Church St. 12-21

Miss Nina Shroades of Cedarville is convalescing from influenza.

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Dr. J. E. Wishart has taken for the winter, the pastorate of a church at Roseland, a Chicago suburb, and with Mrs. Wishart left the city for Chicago, Friday night. The pastor of the church which Dr. Wishart will serve temporarily, is in France.

The McDonald homestead, corner of Third and Galloway streets, (No. 138 West Third street) will be sold at public sale at the west door of the court house, Saturday, December 28th, at ten o'clock, A. M. Property appraised at \$8,100. The keys to house at the law office of W. F. Trader, 5 Allen Building. 12-27

A fine line of Bibles, New Testaments and Psalms, may be secured at reasonable prices at office of secretary of Greene County Bible Society, Frank Dean, E. Main St.

J. J. Lampert will sell blooming plants and cut flowers for Christmas on Saturday, Monday and Tuesday in Chevrolet Auto store on West Main street. adv.12-19-20-21

The White Gift Christmas will be observed in the First Reformed Church at 9:15 Sunday morning. Each class will make its offering, either to the Orphans' Home, or some needed family. Each member of the school and church will please make an effort to be present.

John Guilday, Harry Bagler and Russell Smith, who have been discharged from the S. A. T. C. at the University of Cincinnati, arrived home Saturday morning. David Purdon, who is a student at the same University arrived home for the holidays several days ago.

CARD OF THANKS.
We wish to express our sincere thanks to our neighbors and friends for the kindness and sympathy shown us in the loss of our beloved son, Raymond. Also, for the many beautiful floral tributes. We wish also to thank the minister for his consoling words.

James Stafford and family.

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Miss Louise Clark is spending the week end as the guest of her brother, Don Clark, at Muskingum college. Mr. Clark will be mustered out of the S. A. T. C. at Muskingum, this week, and will return home with his sister, Sunday.

Edward Hornick is now able to be out after an attack of influenza.

James H. Loyd, who is ill of toxemia and other complications following influenza, continues in a critical condition. His condition Saturday morning was a little improved over that of Friday night.

There will be a change of time table on the Pennsylvania lines, which will become effective January 1, but as yet the local office has not been advised as to just what changes will be made. It is practically assured that at least two trains will be taken off, the accommodation which leaves Xenia for Cincinnati at 5:10 a. m., and the 3:40 train to Cincinnati in the afternoon. This latter change will also affect the 1:25 p. m. to Cincinnati, which runs on Saturday and Sunday in place of the 3:40. The changes will be announced later as soon as the new time table is made up.

Halford Conwell, who has been a student and a member of the S. A. T. C. of the Medical College of the University of Cincinnati, has received his honorable discharge and arrived home Friday evening. A total of 2,110 men were released at the University Friday. Mr. Conwell will continue his studies in the Medical College after spending the holidays at his home here.

BALTIC ARRIVES WITH TWO THOUSAND SOLDIERS ON BOARD

New York, Dec. 21.—The White Star liner Baltic arrived in port today with 99 officers and 1,993 enlisted men. They are classified as follows:

Twenty-nine officers and 1,070 men of Winchester casual companies; 1,057, 158, 1060, 1061, 1063 and 1064; six casual officers and 850 men sick or wounded; seven officers and 113 men of medical detachments; 13 officers of quartermasters' corps; eight officers of air service; 36 officers of chemical warfare service; one officer of adjutant general's department; one officer of medical corps; one infantry officer and enlisted infantrymen.

Some companies are made up of parts of a number of other companies that have been in training in England.

LAWRENCE KEITER POPULAR FARMER DIES OF PNEUMONIA

After an illness of about ten days' duration from double pneumonia, Lawrence Keiter, well known and popular young farmer, died at his home on the Ludlow road at 1:45 Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Keiter was 28 years of age, and is survived by his young widow, who before marriage was Miss Lucy Pramer, and two little children, Thelma and Louise. He also leaves his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Keiter, one brother, Warren, who is in France with the 330th Infantry, and three sisters, Mrs. Lawrence Coy, Mrs. Lina Billmeyer and Miss Margaret Keiter. Otis Pramer of this city, is a brother-in-law of the deceased.

Funeral arrangements have not been made.

FOOD REGULATIONS BEING WITHDRAWN

Columbus, Dec. 21.—Partial demobilization of the food administration and withdrawal of many regulations does not mean activities of the administration are to cease entirely, Food Administrator Croxton announced today.

Profiteering in licensed food products will be curbed, Croxton received word today that butter, cheese and storage egg regulations would be retained until end of the storage season or proclamation of peace.

LUTHER C. SMITH HAS ARRIVED IN NEW YORK

Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. John Smith of near Mt. Tabor, that their son Luther C. Smith, has arrived safely in New York. He has been in the marine service since Dec. 1917, and has been stationed at Southampton, England, for several months. Mr. Smith has been in Scotland, Ireland and Wales since he left the United States. He hopes to be enjoying a furlough soon.

THINK REPORT FALSE

A report that Ralph Fierstine, Miami county boy, who is in France, had lost his life, is believed by his family, to be false. No word of any mishap to him has been received by relatives, and they have been unable to trace the source of the rumor, which probably sprang from the fact that it has been over six weeks since a letter has been received from the soldier.

300,000 SOLDIERS OUT.
Washington, Dec. 21.—More than 300,000 soldiers have been discharged from the army, Secretary Baker stated today.

When the Red Cross Takes Your Christmas Dollar to France



Courtesy of C. Leroy Baldrige, The Stars and Stripes, France.

The Proving

By JACK LAWTON

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The woman lifted her head to look up from the portfolio of drawings, into the face of the man who held it.

"Do you know," she said, and laughed softly, "I have been wondering how one who can so beautifully picture home and domesticity has so long escaped its charm?"

The man looked back straight into her eyes.

"One might ask," he replied, "the same question of you."

"And if I answered truly, you would not believe. One never believes a woman. It is the man alone who is supposed to prefer freedom. When I first came here," the woman smiled, "you were pointed out to me as a heartless trifler in affections. Disappointed maids, it seemed, had lured me along your path. So I concluded that you had perhaps, been disappointed yourself in fancied loves, which were but fancies after all."

"Speaking from experience?" the man suggested.

"Speaking from experience," the woman calmly agreed.

"And when you came among us," he went on, "I marveled at your choice of this sleepy town as a place of abode. You were a successful illustrator. They told me, and—pardon me—your manner and appearance were both so remarkably attractive one wondered that you could bring yourself to hide so much—"

The woman put forth a protesting hand.

"Now," she said, "I am not one of those who expect flattery. Therefore, it is not necessary to make the effort. I decided to build my well-earned bungalow here, and settle down in the quiet and beauty my weary spirit has long coveted. I am doing good work, the principal advantage—and I'm near enough to run into the city when occasion demands. On the same score, I have done some marveling about you. A clever man in any special line is interesting. Why does the architect of ability prefer also to reside in the hidden corner?"

"The home of my fathers," the man replied, "correctly speaking, the home of my father. Though I may travel far, this spot remains my headquarters."

The woman nodded understandingly.

Suddenly her companion leaned forward.

"Do you know," he said, "that from the first moment I saw you, you have never been out of my thoughts?"

"Never have I," he laughed shortly, "deliberately sought without encouragement of any sort, an unmarried woman with the intention of making her my friend. You have helped me wonderfully in suggestions concerning my work. In many ways, your frank, sweet influence—" his voice trailed off.

"I believe that this—friendship—is at last my longing for the home and domesticity of which you spoke. I believe—" his hands reached out to clasp the woman's, but hers were busy

with the portfolio—"that love has found me at last."

"You will not believe it, after a little time," she said. "Nor will I. For you have also captured my—shall we call it admiration? But love!—Oh! our friendship is too pleasant a thing to be placed with past fancied loves. Let us put the imaginative aside, and go on helpfully as we have been."

The man arose and walked impatiently the length of the room.

"Do not let us be deceived by glamour, John, we have both grown into our independent ways; I—why, I am too selfish now to consider your needs."

Among her flowers, a few days later, a village neighbor found the illustrator. She had always been proud of her small, white hands, so they were protected now by heavy gloves.

"Have you heard," the neighbor questioned, "about John Crathorne—the bachelor architect? Well, he's down with this terrible influenza and the doctors say he's pretty bad. His father, who was took to the hospital with it yesterday, died this morning. The housekeeper, clean cleared out—scared to death of the disease; and they can't coax a soul in to take care of him. Most everybody's busy with their own home folks, and it's too late to take him to the hospital, if they was room there, which they ain't."

"The doctor was there three times today and did what he could for Mr. Crathorne. He asked me to go in, but land! I got to look out for my family."

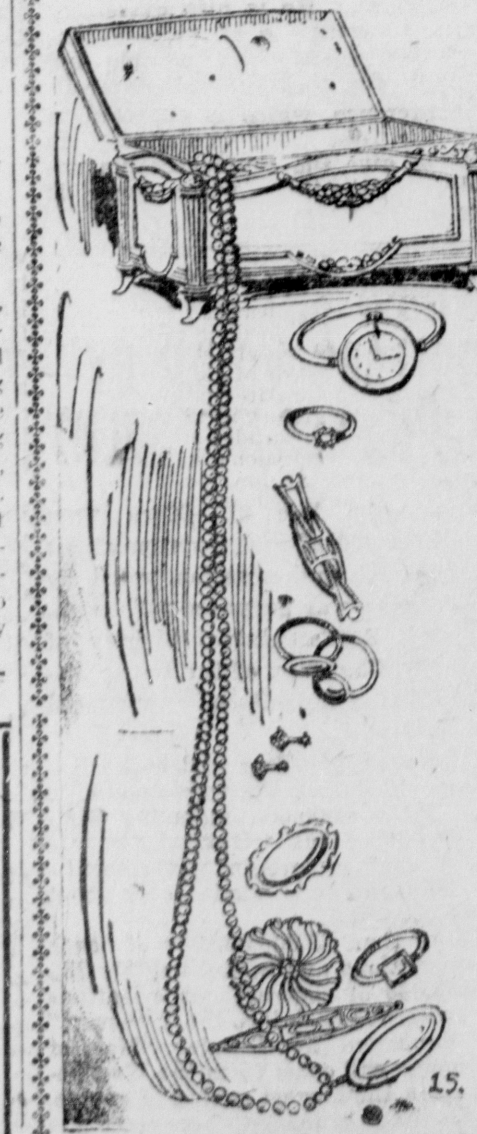
Constance, the illustrator, tore the gloves from her hands; her face was white; her eyes burned with a light of purpose. Before the neighbor had reached her own door, Constance was at John Crathorne's bedside. He did not recognize her, but that did not matter.

When the doctor came again, the two labored together through the night, and by morning the patient had been given his chance, a hopeful chance it was. Wan, disheveled, the sick man looked up into the tenderly transformed face of the woman.

"You must get better, John," she murmured fiercely. "I could die for you, I learned that last night. But I cannot live without you."

With vast effort the man moved his painful head to rest it against her breast.

"Constance," he breathed, "this is heaven."



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WILL OF JOHN BRYAN ADMITTED TO PROBATE IN CINCINNATI

The will of John Bryan of Yellow Springs, was admitted to probate Thursday by Judge William H. Lueders of Cincinnati, and Edgar Stark, trust officer of the Union Savings Bank Company, was appointed executor.

Attorney Eli Frankenstein, representing Fredericka Bryan, the widow, objected to the appointment of Stark, declaring the will merely named "the trust officer" of the Trust Company, without designating him by name, and, therefore, the designation was of no force. As Judge Lueders had passed upon this same question before, he overruled the objection, and also refused the application that Bryan's widow be named co-executor.

Under the will, Mrs. Bryan receives \$100,000 at the rate of \$5,000 a year until she is 40 years old, when she is to receive the entire balance of the bequest. Mrs. Bryan has not as yet elected to take under the will. Should she refuse to take, she will be entitled to one third of the personal

estate, and a life interest in one third of the real estate.

Mrs. Bryan is making her home at 837 Kenyon avenue, with Miss Ella M. Lytle, manager of Bryan's business, the Physicians' Supply Company, and a beneficiary under Bryan's will to the amount of \$50,000. It is said this business nets \$25,000 a year to the estate, and it was deemed advisable to have Miss Lytle retained as its manager, but the latter refuses to remain. It is stated, unless Mrs. Bryan is one of the executors, Judge Lueders said this was a matter over which he had no control.

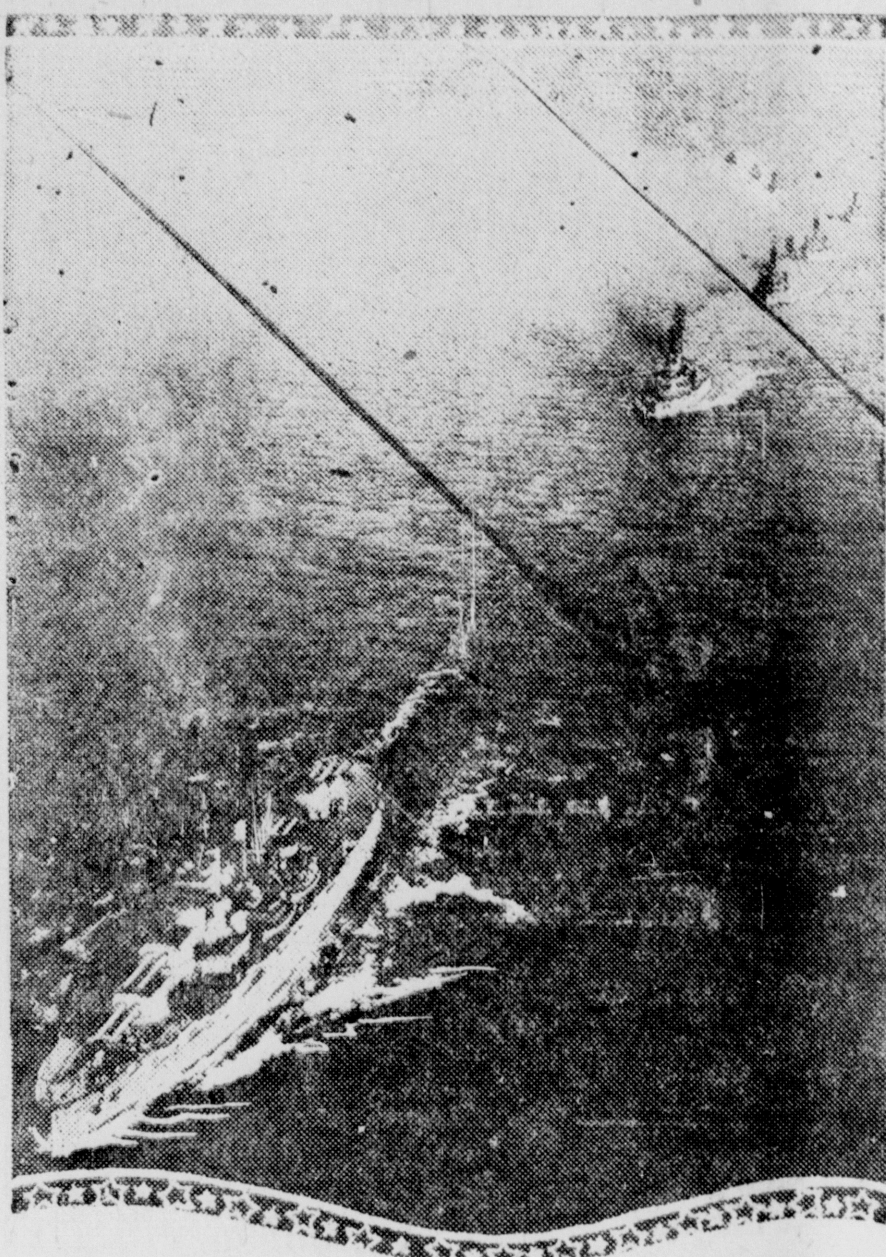
Be Kind Always.

One great trouble with unkind thoughts is that it is so very difficult to keep them only thoughts; sooner or later they find utterance. We may fancy that we are keeping our uncharitable opinions to ourselves, but they are almost certain to express themselves in look or tone if not in word. The only way to be really kind is to be kind clear through. —Exchange.

The Waves of Michigan.

When I see the waves of Lake Michigan toss in the bleak snowstorm, I see how small and inadequate the common poet is. —Paul Tennyson, with his eagle over the sea, has shown his sufficiency. —Emerson's Journal.

NOW BOUND FOR HOME



U. S. battleship "New York" leading American battle squadron out of Harwich, England, on way to scene of surrender of German navy.

The American battle squadron which has been operating in European waters since America entered the war, is bound for home now. It is expected to arrive at New York the day before Christmas. A gigantic review has been arranged as a tribute to the officers and men aboard. Secretary Daniels of the navy will review the fleet.

TRINITY TO HAVE ANNUAL SONG SERVICE SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Trinity's annual Christmas song service will be rendered at 4 o'clock, Sunday afternoon, and the program prepared offers a treat for lovers of good music.

Among those who will assist the choir will be Marcus Shoup, Jr., Xenia's talented youthful violinist, who will play several numbers. Marcus, who studied several years under a famous Belgian teacher in New York, is now a pupil of the noted Ysaye, at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music.

The vocal soloists will be well known local singers, Mrs. H. B. Thompson, Miss Henryetta Logan, Miss Glenna Barrows and Mr. Leigh Bickett.

Holmes Caught Napping.

Referring to our recent note about the English reporter giving the baseball score as "Two-love," a correspondent reminds us that no less a writer than Conan Doyle once made a curious blunder in describing our national game. "The catching," he wrote, "seemed to me extraordinarily good, especially the long catches by the bleachers." —Boston Transcript.

BAD STOMACH; NEARLY STARVED TO DEATH

Mr. and Mrs. Hampton Both Eat Anything They Want Now.

"I have had stomach trouble and constipation for 3 years. I could not eat anything and almost starved to death. After I began to take Milk's Emulsion I began to eat anything I wanted. I feel like a new woman and am doing my own work again."

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ELMER C. BLACK IS VICTIM OF THE INFLUENZA

Stricken with influenza while he was helping during illness in his brother's family, Elmer C. Black, of Rogers street, died at the home of his brother, A. F. Black, on Fayette street, at 1:55 o'clock Friday afternoon. Death was due to influenza which developed into pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Black had gone to Mr. Black's brother's home to help there during the illness of his brother and family and it was there he became ill and died. He was stricken with the disease a week ago Friday. Mr. Black had moved to this city from Manchester, in Adams county, about three years ago and was employed at the time of his illness as a carpenter at Fairfield. He was 37 years of age.

Mr. Black is survived by his wife, who was before marriage Miss Gladys Briggs, of Manchester, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Black, of Manchester, and the following brothers and sisters: A. F. and Foster Black and Mrs. D. J. Hanner, of this city, Mrs. Ina Clark, of Cincinnati, and Otis Black, of Frankfort.

The body will be taken to Manchester early Sunday morning for burial. Friends can view the remains after even o'clock Saturday night, at the home of A. F. Black on Fayette street.

First Glass Eyes.

Oddly enough, the first artificial eyes were not made for living persons, but for the dead. In the days of the earliest Pharaohs the Egyptian embalmers removed the eyes, poured plaster or wax into the sockets and set in eyes of volcanic glass or some precious stone.

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Between now and Christmas but Two More Shopping Days

"DONGES"

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Our stock is yet quite complete. There are to be had

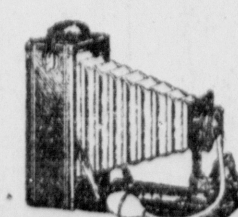
Manicure sets at \$1.00 and up
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Some in Ebony. Some in White Ivory.
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A few in Real Ebony and White Ivory.
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Also Perfume in bulk. Bring in your bottle and have it filled.

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Some in Real Ebony, also White Ivory.
Fancy Box Stationery and Cards priced at 50c and up. No doubt the largest line in the city.

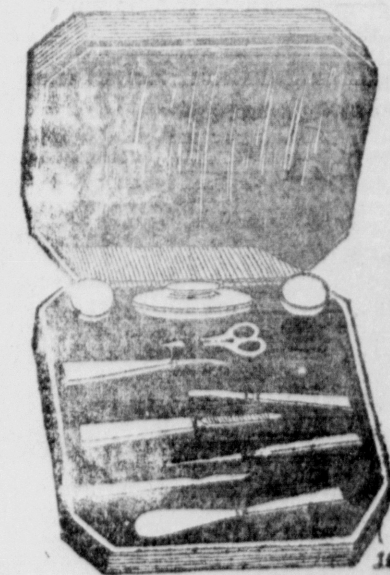
Jewel Cases, Candle Sticks, Bill Folds and numerous other articles.



Oh yes, don't forget that we have the BUSTER BROWN CAMERAS priced at \$2.75 and up. Come in and look over our display.

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Jars and Fish complete \$1.00 and up.



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"FREEDOM OF THE SEAS"

Among the strange outgivings, professing to reveal the attitude of the United States at the Paris Peace conference, is one imputing to it a desire for a definite law establishing the seas as an international highway, governed by the law of all nations combined, not by the laws of individual nations.

The plain implication is that at present the seas are not free for the use of every nation—that international law does not govern this use, and that any nation which is strong enough can compel all others to abide by laws promulgated by itself alone. There could not be a greater misconception of conditions as they exist.

The fact is international law at sea is based upon tradition and precedent, just exactly as international law on land. Each new statement of it has accepted certain fundamental principles governing whatever new rules it might seek to lay down. Naturally there have been wide differences in the interpretation of these principles.

"The Freedom of the Seas" it should be observed, is a phrase which may mean anything or nothing. The sea is in truth "an international highway," to be used at will by all; but like all other highways it must not be used lawlessly.

It would be intolerable if there were no restrictions of freedom, no law of the sea to forbid practices inimical to the common good, from piracy up. There is in fact no real difference of opinion among civilized nations as to this law in time of peace.

But there has never been a time when the maritime nations did not use in time of war, every legitimate weapon which sea power gave them.

The American civil war was won primarily by sea power. Without the sea power of Great Britain the war with Germany would have been lost.

Now international law is based upon common agreement. It has never in the past been possible to embody in it any provision to which one or more powerful nation did not object. That is why it is fair to assume that any future modification of the laws of the seas will rest upon tradition and precedent and will thus really be a development of what is—and not a radical reversal of established policy.

BOOZE SUPPLY IS GOING FAST SAY DAYTON MEN

Dayton, O., Dec. 21.—Will there be enough whisky to supply the demand until June 30, when the federal war demobilization act goes into effect?

In common with others interested in the business Dayton dealers are concerned over this mooted question. If whisky is withdrawn for the tax in the large quantities registered for October, when 9,044,861 gallons were taken from bond, it is believed the supply will fail to meet the demand.

On the authority of a local dealer who is well informed and keeps in close touch with trade conditions there are approximately 75,000,000 gallons of "fire water" available. When the new federal revenue tax is increased to \$0.40, present quotations on all distilled spirits will jump to record-breaking prices, it was said. Unofficial figures estimate that there is less than 127,000,000 gallons of all kinds of spirits in bond, and just how much of this is non-beverage is conjectural. Shrinkage will reduce these figures, and this fact, it was pointed out, was not generally considered by persons outside of the trade. Twenty-eight per cent for this loss is estimated by those who know, and this is a deduction from the supply on hand that must be reckoned with.

JOHN HARSHMAN TO GET HIS COMMISSION

John B. Harshman, of Dayton, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Harshman, of Xenia, who, a couple of months ago went to Louisville, Ky., to attend the officers' training school at Camp Taylor, will complete his training there the latter part of January. He expects to be commissioned, in accordance with a war department order, which has said the men in special training, upon the completion of their course, would be given commissions and then granted the privilege of immediate separation from the service. This means those who are commissioned will be discharged, and listed in the reserve officers' corps.

GERMANY SPARED WAR'S RAVAGES.

Edwin L. James, contrasting desolated Belgium and northern France with German provinces untouched by war ravages, indulges in the following reflections: "As I looked at the lovely vineyards that covered the hill-sides I recalled the barren and ravaged hill-sides of the right bank of the Meuse, north of Verdun. The sight of spick and span Saarburg recalled the ruins of Grand Pre. For every village in such excellent condition I thought of some fearful ruin in France. When I reached Treves in all its magnificence there came back the memory of Rheims. Seeing the self satisfaction of the Germans, one can but think they have not learned of these things." Germany carried on her murderous and savage warfare to the point where the desolations of war were about to be visited upon her own fair land. At that point she surrendered. She knew the wrath of God gathered in the souls of the warring men fast crowding her back to the Rhine. She had before her a picture of what she had done to Belgium and France. She stopped the feet of the avengers at her borders by surrender. Ten days longer and Germany's invincible armies would have been streaming back across the Rhine a broken disorganized rabble. She surrendered just in time to save her people and her land from the flames and wreckage of war. Even in her defeat she glows over the wasted lands of her enemies and over her own immunity. She is still unconvinced of wrong and has not repented of her sins. She is still proud and defiant of heart, and high of look. This is the Germany that we are asked to pity. The pacifists and traitors are coming out of their rat holes one by one to speak to us of the generosity which we are to reveal to Germany. There is only one right method of dealing with a rattlesnake and that is to put the heel on its head and stamp hard.

FARMERS WHO MAKE MOST MONEY KEEP CAREFUL RECORDS

Ohio farmers keeping account books made an average of \$250 more than those not keeping accounts according to 1,638 records of average farms recently obtained by the Agricultural College Extension Service, Columbus. On 932 farms on which no accounts were kept, the income in addition to interest on the investment averaged \$453. On 706 farms where some accounts were kept the incomes averaged \$702.

In accounting for at least part of the difference farm management specialists at the University say that the farmers with the records are enabled to study their business and modify their practices in accordance with them.

In order to encourage farmers to keep accounts in a simple and effective way, cooperative arrangements have been made by the Ohio Bankers' Association and the Agricultural College Extension Service to issue a farm account book. Farmers may secure these from their bankers, their county agricultural agent or from the Department of Rural Economics of the Ohio State University, Columbus. Farmers who have been keeping these account books during the past year have been enabled to supply required information more readily with regard to the income tax.

ERNEST JEFFREYS OF DAYTON IS DEAD

Ernest Jeffreys, a former Xenian, and son of Mr. and Mrs. James Jeffreys of West Second street, died unexpectedly at his home in Dayton, Wednesday evening. Stricken with acute indigestion which superinduced heart failure, Mr. Jeffreys died fifteen minutes after he had partaken of supper. He was well, and had eaten his supper heartily.

Mr. Jeffreys was born in Xenia. He is survived by his widow and three daughters, his parents, and two brothers, William O. Jeffreys of this city, and Henry Jeffreys of Hamilton. Mrs. John Ely of this city, is a step sister. Funeral services were held at the home Saturday afternoon, and interment was made in a Dayton cemetery.



"THE WIFE"

BY JANE PHELPS

RUTH RETURNS TO THE SHOP.

CHAPTER CXX.

Mrs. Clayborne remained with Ruth until the baby was over a month old. The day she left, Ruth returned to the shop, although her aunt had told her it was unnecessary. Mrs. Clayborne would gladly have taken both Ruth and the baby home with her and cared for them. But Ruth, aside from her feeling of loyalty to Brian, also was uneasy. She loved her work, and found herself longing to get busy again.

Mr. Mandel had been most kind—so Mrs. Clayborne impressed upon Ruth. He had sent many flowers to both Ruth and her aunt, and when Ruth was able to go out, he had several times taken them to the opera. "I did enjoy it so much," Ruth said to her aunt after one of these evenings at the opera, but it seems dreadful to enjoy one's self when B—our boys are fighting and may be killed."

Your moping at home won't help them. It is useful for everyone to have a certain amount of pleasure in their lives. Goodness knows you have had little enough since you married."

"I have been as gay as most in our circumstances."

"That's just it! You had no business to be in those circumstances. I am not saying a word against Brian as a man. But as a provider for a family, he is decidedly inadequate."

Ruth made no reply. What her aunt said was true. Brian, as a provider, WAS inadequate. He would have another to work for when he came back—if he DID come back. Someway, Ruth's thoughts of Brian were always tinged with fear.

She knew he was a reckless, venturesome spirit. She feared it would lead him into needless danger. When she read that the Americans could hardly be controlled, so anxious were they to be in the fighting, she always visualized Brian as one of the foremost of the boys rushing into danger.

Ruth settled down into her old work at the shop. She first learned what had been done in her department during her absence, then, with renewed enthusiasm, gave the best of which she was capable to her employer.

She had nothing to worry her—if one excepted fear for Brian. Rachel was thoroughly competent to care for the baby, and also to do the simple

housekeeping required, now that they were alone. Ruth hired a laundress, but aside from that Rachel would have no help.

"I should can take care of you, missy Ruth, and yo' baby, too," she had said when Ruth had expressed a fear that it would be too much for her to attempt. And as she saw no neglect anywhere—as the baby was well and wonderfully cared for, her own meals well cooked and nourishing—she gradually left all the details of the home to Rachel.

"Get what you like," was her answer whenever Rachel consulted her as to the marketing.

This freedom from all care at home, gave her more strength to use in business. More and more did Mandel come to depend upon her.

Much of his time was given to war-work. He had always been a generous and philanthropic man. And now he gave of himself as well as of his money, so making it necessary to lean more heavily upon his employees to run his business. La Monte had gone into a training camp, and his work, to a great extent, devolved upon Ruth. But she made no complaint. Sometimes when she was unusually tired, she would say to herself:

"I can only do my bit in this way."

Mandel had raised her salary again when La Monte left.

"You will have considerable more care, now that La Monte has gone, he had told her, "it is only fair that you have more money. Then, living expenses have advanced to a great extent.—Be careful, tho, that I don't put too much work on you. You must not get sick."

"Work never makes me ill," she had responded, thereby telling him more than she meant to of the reason for her occasional illnesses before Brian left her. "It was worry because of him," Mandel said to himself after this conversation.

The thought made him feel that soon he might win Ruth for his own; as such thoughts always did. Mandel was not a bad man, he was really a good man. He thought Brian unfaithful, not worthy of Ruth. He had thought her unhappy with him, and although she now had a child he (Mandel) would gladly have taken baby and all at once. But as I have said before, "he was a patient man," so he bided his time, making Ruth as happy as was possible under the circumstances.

Then came a letter from Brian that turned Ruth's world upside down again.

To Be Continued.

Read the Gazette want ads—they contain some interesting news every day.

XENIA LOSES THE "OPENER" AFTER TAKING FIRST HALF

If grit and determination played a more important part in the winning of a basketball game, Xenia High School's team would undoubtedly have come out victorious in the ladder staged at the rink last night, but as these factors stand little show in the face of size, skill and a smooth-running machine, the locals lost the opener to Lebanon High School. The score was 29-15.

The local outfit tackled a big proposition when it scheduled Lebanon High for the opener, for the downstate crowd is exactly the same that represented that school last year. They have developed a smooth-running, fighting aggregation, and the new and inexperienced team of the locals was no match for them.

Xenia took the lead in the opening period, when Captain Hartsock registered from the field after one minute of play. Christie added one for Lebanon, and Stephens also tossed a free shot. It was nip and tuck during the initial period, the locals managing to maintain a slender lead, the half ending with the score 12-11 in favor of Xenia.

The second half proved the Waterloo for the locals, when Christie's shots from the field began to register in rapid succession. The defensive game of the visitors also tightened, and the locals scored but one field goal and a foul in that period.

It was the first game together for the locals and they gave promise of a coming winner. Hartsock, Stephens and Vannorsdall, the veterans of last year, played their usual steady game, while Satterfield and Ball gave promise of comers with a little more practice and experience. Decker and Christie easily held the limelight for the visitors.

The lineup and scoring: Xenia Hartsock (c)...1...Decker Stephens...1...f...Ranker Ball...1...c...Christie (c) Vannorsdall...1...g...Van Ness, Fred Satterfield...1...g...Stiles, Tilton (c) Field goals: Hartsock 2, Stephens 2, Ball, Vannorsdall, Decker, 4, Ranker, Christie 5. Foul goals: Hartsock 1 out of 5, Stephens 2 out of 8, Vannorsdall 0 out of 1, Decker 0 out of 2, Christie 0 out of 20. Referee—Sylvester, Dayton.

Light, but Then.

Automobile bodies made of concrete re-enforced with steel wire are said to be lighter than wood. But if they turn over on you, they bear down quite as hard.

SANTA CLAUS NOW PREMIER IN GAY PARIS

BY WILLIAM PHILLIP SIMMS

Paris, Dec. 21.—Allied diplomats caught in the back-wash of the Christmas tide are "carrying on" with unofficial pour parlors until 1919.

Packed with the most distinguished gathering in its history, Paris has joyously capitulated to the holiday spirit. Big Berthas and Gothas belong to the stone age. Santa Claus is premier.

The city is illuminated by night and gay with bunting by day. The victory flag has been added to the usual Christmas decorations.

Shops are stuffed with the most fascinating and costly of women's bedizements. Jewelers display the richest giveways ever seen here. Restaurants, expensive and gay are overflowing. The boulevards hold the greatest throngs since the exposition. Temporary toy booths line the sidewalks. Merchants are hawking mistletoe, holly and evergreens. Fakirs are vending Kamerading rubber kaisers and capitulating tin Huns. Topical songs regarding President Wilson and Premier Clemenceau are being sung in the theaters and music halls, where S. R. O. signs are common. The people appear to have totally forgotten the war. So far as they are concerned, peace is already signed.

The uninterrupted succession of officials, Presidents and Princes has been spectacular as part of a colossal carnival.

Parisians by their four years of terrible sacrifice have earned the right to be gay. And they are making the most of that right.

GEORGE BIRCH BUYS THE JOHNSON HOME

George A. Birch, who has been appointed deputy sheriff to serve under Sheriff-elect Lincoln Funderburg, yesterday purchased the home of Dr. Jesse Johnson on North King street.

He will be given possession January 1, and will at once remove to this city with his family. He will take his new position the first of the year, when Mr. Funderburg goes into office, succeeding Sheriff F. A. Jackson.

Mr. Birch will hold a sale of farm property at his home on the Fairfield pike, December 29.

Steam Engine Helped.

It is an historic fact that the development of the steam engine enabled England to stand the cost of the wars with Napoleon and speedily enjoy a more widespread prosperity than the country had ever before known.

XENIA CHILDREN SEND GIFTS TO FRENCH ORPHANS

Seven little French children, living in the devastated part of France will be made happy at Christmas time by the gift of the pup's of Grade VI B. Spring Hill building. Seven stockings were filled with dimes, enough so that each of the seven children will get a pair of stockings, a pair of mittens, a toy, and some candy. The stockings were sent through a committee who expect to be able to give this same Christmas to hundreds of French girls and boys who otherwise would have no Christmas this year.

MOTORAIDS

Broken springs are of frequent occurrence. In case several leaves are snapped you can make an emergency repair by leaves of the ordinary spring clips. Unless all of the leaves are broken, a clip placed on either side of the break and set up tight, will hold the spring in position and carry you safely home.

If all of the leaves are broken, a piece of steel or iron should be placed across the break on top of the spring with another piece below when possible, before setting up the clips. Even a piece of strong hard wood clamped to a spring will often serve the same purpose.

If the top half of a semi-elliptical spring gives way and the body drops on to the axle don't think that you are hopelessly disabled. Jack the body of the car higher than it's normal position, cut a stout sapling, insert one end over a cross member of the frame, lash the sapling to the chassis, secure the other end of the pole to the lower spring by straps, ropes, chains or wire and lower the body down slowly.

Of course this makeshift will not support the car body in its normal position and it will sag, sway and groan. But it will serve to keep the frame away from the axle and it will hold it in nearly the proper alignment.

Everyday Etiquette

"Will you tell me how long before the wedding should the invitations be sent out?" asked Marie.

"Wedding invitations are usually sent out two weeks before the day set for the ceremony," her mother replied.

Greater food value—increased palatability

In making chocolate cakes use

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with barley and buckwheat flour.

The chocolate covers the color and taste of the dark flour so it is practically as good as when made with all white flour.

This use of cocoa or chocolate increases the food value of the prepared dish.

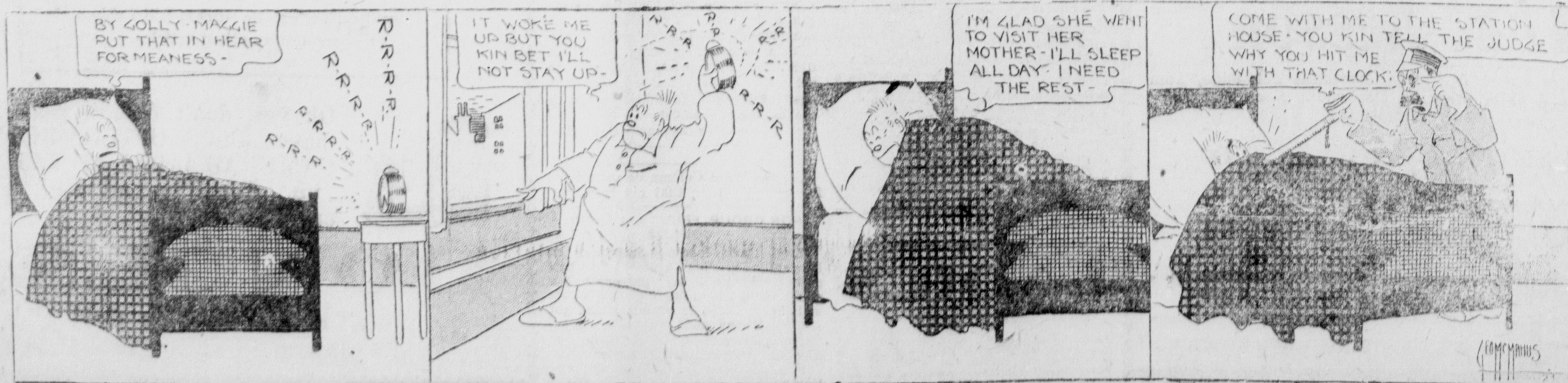
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O. S. & S. O. HOME ERECTS TREE AND TAKES ON CHRISTMAS AIR

With the erection of the community Christmas tree on the lawn in front of the administration building, things have commenced to take on a holiday aspect at the Ohio Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home.

Next Wednesday morning, Santa Claus, in the persons of representatives of the various patriotic army organizations throughout the state will distribute gifts to the nearly 700 boys and girls at the institution.

The Christmas committees, who have in charge the buying and distribution of the gifts, will commence arriving at the Home Sunday. The committees from the Women's Relief Corps and the Spanish-War Veterans Auxiliary, which societies present individual gifts to the children, will

reach the Home Sunday, and they will commence the big task of getting the gifts sorted and ready for distribution. Committees from the other organizations will probably not reach the Home until Tuesday.

Each cottage will have its own Christmas tree again this year. The custom of having a tree in each cottage was abandoned two or three years ago, and the community tree substituted, but the younger children missed the cottage trees with their lights and spangles, and the gifts around them, so Superintendent and Mrs. Elton decided that this year the trees should be restored to the children. The community tree will be gaily lighted in different colors, and if the weather is suitable, a song service will be held about the tree Christmas Eve. Providing the weather is inclement, the service will be held in the chapel. The customary Christmas cantata will not be rendered this year.

As the children are not permitted to have visitors from outside the institution, on any holidays, Superintendent Elton fixed the Saturday preceding and the Saturday following Christmas as visiting day. Many parents and other relatives are taking advantage of this privilege.

Nineteen hundred pounds of turkey on foot, were purchased for the Christmas dinner at the institution and are being delivered. The turkeys were bought in Clinton county.

The last vestige of the epidemic of influenza which gripped the institution, a few weeks ago, has disappeared, and there will be nothing to hamper the Christmas spirit at the Home.

Confucius.

Confucius was not a religious teacher. He taught ethics and was a great philosopher. His doctrines dealt with man's relations to man, and not with man's relations or responsibilities to God. The true followers of Confucius can properly be said to have no religion, but most Confucianists have religious notions borrowed either from the Buddhist or Taoist religions, or from both.

DEEP SEA TALK.

Judge Shark—What became of the dogfish prisoner, officer?

Officer Lobster—Er—he escaped your honor. Some one handed him a sawfish.

JAMESTOWN WOMAN AUTHOR OF SERIAL STORY IN MAGAZINE

Mrs. Grace Boteler Sanders of Jamestown, who is a well known writer of fiction, is the author of a new serial story appearing in the Girl's Friends, an illustrated Sunday school paper, published by the United Brethren Publishing House of Dayton.

Introducing its new serial the paper made the following announcement:

On the first page of this issue we begin to publish a new six-chapter story, entitled, "How the Jonesville Youngsters Did Their Bit," written by that popular writer for young people, Mrs. Grace Boteler Sanders. We believe it will prove interesting to all teen age pupils, appealing alike to boys and girls. It is not only written in excellent style, but indicates how young people can do things that will benefit their neighborhood. It is a good community improvement story.

Mrs. Sanders has serials also running in "The Young Crusader," published at Elgin, Ill., and "The Boy's World," and she will also have ten short stories in as many different papers, for the Christmas tide.

She is a versatile writer, who knows how to tell a tale in an interesting way, and although she is teaching, finds time for a great deal of fiction writing. She was formerly correspondent for the Gazette and Republican at Jamestown, and the staff of this paper feels very much interested in her career as a story writer, and her success in that line.

YELLOW SPRINGS BOYS NAMED IN THE CASUALTY LIST

William B. Esterline and Jesse Willis Jones, Yellow Springs boys, are named in Saturdays casualty list, as slightly wounded. Families of both were officially notified of the injuries to their sons, a week ago.

Mr. Esterline is a son of Mrs. John Esterline, and cousin of Harry E. Esterline of this city. He was wounded November 5, while fighting with his regiment, the 127th Infantry.

Mr. Jones is a son of Mr. and Mrs. George Jones of Yellow Springs.

Pressure of Water.

The pressure of water per square inch is 433 pounds per foot of head. A fathom being 6 feet, the pressure per square inch at 5 fathoms would be 1299 pounds, at 10 fathoms 2598 pounds, at 15 fathoms 3897 pounds, and at 20 fathoms, 5196 pounds.

CHURCH NOTICES

FIRST METHODIST EPISCOPAL

9:15 Sabbath School. The school unanimously decided last Sabbath to send the money ordinarily used in treating themselves, to help relieve suffering Armenia. 10:30 morning worship. The pastor will preach on the Christmas theme. At this service a special offering will be received as our gift for Armenia. 7:00 p. m. "The Shepherd King" cantata will be rendered by a triple quartet trained by Walter E. Currie. It will be an evening of great profit and inspiration. Everyone cordially invited to enjoy these services with us. We ought this year anew to pay homage to our King.

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH.

Hilbard J. Jewett, pastor. Sunday school at 9:15 A. M. Mr. G. W. Morrison, supt. Preaching by the pastor at 10:30 A. M. Subject of sermon, "Our Debt and Gift to Our Allies." A Christmas message of good will and gratitude. The annual Christmas song service at Trinity will be held at 4 P. M. Monday evening, at 7:30, the Sunday school will have a Christmas party and bring gifts of money for the children of the Bible lands.

FIRST U. P. CHURCH.

D. D. Dadds, pastor.—Sabbath school at 9:30. Mr. Herman Eavey is the superintendent. Let every member of the school be present the closing Sabbath of 1918. Morning worship 10:30. A Christmas sermon by the pastor, Y. P. C. U. at 6 o'clock. Evening sermon at 7. "The Greatest Question Ever Presented to the World."

SECOND U. P. CHURCH.

The pastor, Rev. Charles P. Proud-fitt, will preach at ten o'clock on "The Panoplied Christian Soldier." Bible school follows sermon. Young People's meeting at 6 P. M. Sermon by the pastor at 7 P. M. on "Christ or Kris Kingle."

WEST END CHURCH.

Sabbath school at 2:30 P. M. Young People's meeting at 6 P. M. Sermon by Dr. Joseph Kyle of the Seminary at 7 P. M. The annual Christmas program on Thursday evening at 7:30 P. M.

FRIENDS' CHURCH.

Homer G. Biddlecum, pastor.—Bible school at 9:30. Service for worship at 10:40. "The Christmas Message." Christian Endeavor at 6. Gospel service at 7. Monthly meeting at 7:30 Wednesday evening. Women's prayer meeting on Friday morning at the home of Mrs. H. G. Biddlecum, at 131 High street.

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH.

Melvin E. Beck, pastor.—9:15 Bible school. At the opening exercises the white gifts will be brought. 10:30 A. M., morning worship, "The Peace of Jesus," an expository study of Col. 1:20-29. 6:30 P. M., C. E. prayer service. 7:00 P. M., evening worship. Sermon, "The Gospel—What Is It?"

MAPLE COR. REFORMED

Sunday school 9:30. Mr. E. D. Stroup, supt. Morning worship and communion service at 10:30. A. R. Lynn, pastor. Let us remember our Master as He so much wishes.

HAWKER'S REFORMED CHURCH.

Sunday School 1:30 p. m. S. A. Randall, supt. Lord's day worship 2:30 P. M. Sermon by Pastor A. R. Lynn. At this service we have the opening of the mite boxes.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Preaching at 10:30 a. m. by Dr. Jesse Johnson. Sunday school at 9:15 A. M.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Minister, Rev. Albert Read.—Bible school 9:30 A. M. Worship at 10:30 A. M. Xmas music. Sermon, "The Prince of Peace." This church unites with vesper service at Trinity M. E. at 4 P. M. Public cordially invited.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY.

127 East Second street. Sunday services 11 A. M. Subject, "Is the Universe, Including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force?" Wednesday evening testimonial meeting 7:30. The reading room is open Monday, Wednesday and Saturday, except legal holidays, from 1:30 to 4:30 P. M. To each of these services and to the reading room the public is cordially invited.

NEW JASPER M. E. CHURCH

Sunday school at 9:30 A. M. W. C. St. John, supt. Preaching service at 10:30 A. M.

MT. TABOR.

Sunday school at 10:00 A. M. Riley Jones, supt.

WHITE CHAPEL.


Sunday school at 1:00 P. M. Delbert Kietler, supt. Preaching service at 2:00 p. m. J. V. Robinson, pastor.

FIRST LUTHERAN.

Rev. J. H. Culler, D. D., acting pastor. Fourth Sunday in Advent. Sunday school 9:15. J. L. Reed, superintendent. Morning service with sermon 10:30. Subject "An Old Testament Christmas." Luther League at 6:00. Topic "God's love sends man a Saviour." Evening service at 7, when the church and Sunday school will unite in an appropriate program of music, recitations and felicitations. To all the services of the day, strangers and friends are cordially invited.

NAZARENE CHURCH

32 West Main St. Rev. Jonas Trumbauer, pastor. Sabbath school 2 p. m. Dr. B. L. Lackey, superintendent. Testimony and praise meeting 3 p. m. Song service at 7:30. Preaching by the pastor at 8. Everybody is invited.



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12 1-2 lb Sack		Per Pound	

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GERMAN HELMET SENT BY CURTIS GEYER TO MOTHER

A German helmet, the first to arrive in this city as a relic of the battlefields of France, has been received by Mrs. George H. Geyer from her son, Curtis Geyer, who is now located in Belgium, and is on display in the window of the J. A. Beatty & Son furniture store.

The helmet was picked up by Private Geyer on a battle field in Belgium. It is higher in the crown than those worn by the American soldiers and bears marks of having seen considerable service. Dints in the crown show where the helmet has probably been struck by shrapnel and it is otherwise battered in appearance, due probably to the activities of the Americans. The helmet is camouflaged with vari-colored paints in order to avoid attracting attention.

Private Geyer is a member of the 147th Field Hospital Corps 112 Sanitary Train of the 37th Division which is now billeted in Belgium and it was there that the local boy picked up the German relic. It was wrapped in "paper burlap," a form of burlap that is made from paper across the water and is interesting in that it is not seen in this country.

A number of French loan posters are also attracting attention in the Beatty window. They are lithographed much on the order of the American posters, and urge the reader to purchase bonds of the French government. The words "Souscrivez au de. Emprunt Nationale" (Subscribe to the Fourth National Loan) explains one poster while another bears the words "Credit Commercial de France." The posters are lithographed in colors with inspiring pictures on a paper of a coarser quality than that used in this country. Otherwise the posters are not unlike our own.

Gave Value to Rubber.

Vulcanized rubber—and all rubber articles—are now vulcanized—was first made at Woburn, Mass., by Charles Goodyear about 1844. He obtained his first patent in that year, after he had spent years in experimenting and had reduced his family to extreme poverty. Before 1844 rubber had been used for various purposes as a soft, sticky gum, but was of comparatively little value.

ZIMMERMAN

Mrs. Lawrence Kiel, of Dayton, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Lichter, one day last week.

Just one week after his two year old twin brother Kendall's death, the other twin, Kenneth, was also called from earth. The funeral was held at the Zion cemetery Monday afternoon. The father, Cash Haines, who also was seriously ill with influenza, is now convalescent. The other members of the family, including the mother and the seven children still living, also had the disease.

Wm. Wetzel and family were guests of relatives here Sunday.

Mrs. Clarence Rock (Bessie Leshar) is very seriously sick at the home of her father, John Leshar, at Alpha, where she went to assist in taking care of her father and family, who were sick of "flu" and where she also contracted the disease.

Harold Fierstone, of Dayton, is spending some time with his grandmother, Mrs. Ben Coy.

Heenan Elliott, of Camp Pike, who

was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Elliott, left Saturday to join his wife at the home of her parents, in Sandusky.

Mrs. Mel Brewer entertained her sister, Emma Coy, brother, Lewis Coy, and family, and Ray Randall and wife and son Elwood, Wednesday.

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HAROLD WHITT OF XENIA WOUNDED AND GASSED BUT STILL IN THE RING

Wounded by shrapnel shot through the shoe, gassed and finally narrowly escaping from being burned to death, are some of the experiences of Jay Harold Whitt, son of S. J. Whitt, of this city, who is with the 14th Infantry, formerly the Third Ohio, in France.

Young Whitt, who recently passed his 19th birthday in the trenches, is mentioned in the casualty list as wounded slightly. In the official notice to his father, the information was given that he was wounded in action September 30, but a letter from the lad himself, written September 25, stated that he had just gotten out of the hospital and had been confined there for a week, so that the injury really occurred some time before the official notice indicated.

Harold enlisted in Co. I, of the Third Ohio, June 7, 1917, and was stationed at Richmond, Ind., Eden Park, Cincinnati, and at Camp Sherman with that organization when its name was changed to the 14th Infantry. The outfit then went to Camp Sheridan and from there to Camp Lee, Va., embarking from Newport News, July 5. It was hardly three weeks after he arrived in France that he was in the trenches at Verdun. He fought there and in Argonne woods, going north into the Chateau-Thierry sector when the fighting there was the heaviest.

The outfit with which he was connected, being now attached to the Headquarters company as a dispatch rider, was in Belgium, just eight miles from Brussels, when the armistice was signed. The shrapnel wound and gas was received almost simultaneously by the young soldier, and he explained in a letter that he still had trouble with his voice because of the gas. While in the hospital he met Curtis Geyer of this city, who is with a Medical Unit, and who gave young Whitt a bath while a patient in the hospital. The shot he received through the shoe evidently did not injure him.

It was while his organization was stationed in Belgium after the armistice was signed, that the local lad had

a narrow escape from being burned to death. The company was billeted in a flax mill, that had survived the war. About 11 o'clock at night one of the boys on the first floor of the building upset a candle from which the dry flax quickly ignited. By jumping from a second story window, fourteen feet to the ground, young Whitt saved himself, but he lost all of his equipment. The fire destroyed the mill.

Xenia friends of the young man are glad to know that his injuries were not more serious. The lad is one of Xenia's youngest soldiers and he was in the trenches on his birthday, the second of November.

EGG PRICES TO DROP JANUARY 15

The present peak in egg prices is likely to continue until January 15, says A. B. Dann, poultry specialist of the Agricultural College Extension Service. While good prices will probably continue until March 1, drops in the quotations are also likely to come in February.

Egg producers, therefore, says Professor Dann may profitably seek to put the largest number of eggs on the market before January 15. With the return of wheat products to the market, the following egg laying ration is recommended: corn fed in the morning and evening and a dry mash in open hoppers consisting of 200 pounds of ground corn, and 100 pounds each of bran, middlings and meat scrap.

Periwinkles Cultivated.

Along the coast of Brittany periwinkles are grown for market in shallow water, in beds floored with boards and fenced with wire net. The beds are filled and emptied by the tides, which bring abundant food. When 18 months old the mollusks are big enough to be harvested, a fair yield being ten tons to the acre.

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Special Xmas Sale On Box Cigars For Friday and Saturday

El Verso, 10 cent box of 50, Special Price\$4.25
El Verso, 2 for 25, box of 50, Special Price\$4.75
Kelly's Bouquet, 2 for 25c, box 25, Special price \$2.50
Price\$2.50
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Kenway, Clear Havana, box of 25, Special Price, \$2.25
La Fendrich, 2 for 25, box of 50, Special Price, \$4.50
Harvester, 2 for 25, box of 25, Special Price, \$2.50
Chas. Denby, 7 cent size, box of 25, Special Price, \$1.45
M. Ibold 7 cent size, box of 50, Special Price, \$2.90
New Bachelor, 7 cent, box of 50, Special Price, \$2.75
Owl, 6 cent size, box of 50, Special Price\$2.50
Diamond Joe, 7 cent size, box of 25, Special Price\$1.50
Palma Villa, 7 cent size, box of 50, Special Price, \$2.75
Counselor, 6 cent size, box of 50, Special Price, \$2.50
El Baton, 7 cent size, box of 50, Special Price, \$3.00
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Little Bobbie, 6c size, box of 100, Special Price, \$5.00
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FRENCH SWIMMER TO VISIT AMERICA



Lieut. Charles Nungesser.

The swimming world is interested in the coming visit to the United States of Lieut. Charles Nungesser, the famous French swimmer. Lieutenant Nungesser participated in the annual Seine river swim recently and showed that he had not forgotten the aquatic art while shining as an aviator with the French forces. He is expected to compete in races while in this country.

MAN BUYS SECOND HAND AUTO FINDS \$325 DIAMOND IN IT

Finding a precious pearl when eating oysters has grown to be antiquated form of getting rich quick, but it remained for a Greene county man to pull the latest in pure luck stories.

This man, whom the gods smiled upon bought a second hand automobile in Dayton that had come there from Chicago. A few days later, he took the seat off to get at the batteries and picked up an unmounted diamond from the rim of the battery box that he has been assured is worth \$325.

Incredulous of the value of the stone, the man was about to toss it into the street, when he thought better of it and took it to the Charters Jewelry store, where Mr. Charters examined it and found it commercially perfect. The man could not believe but what the jeweler was fooling him as to the value of the stone, until Mr. Charters offered him a check for what he thought it was worth.

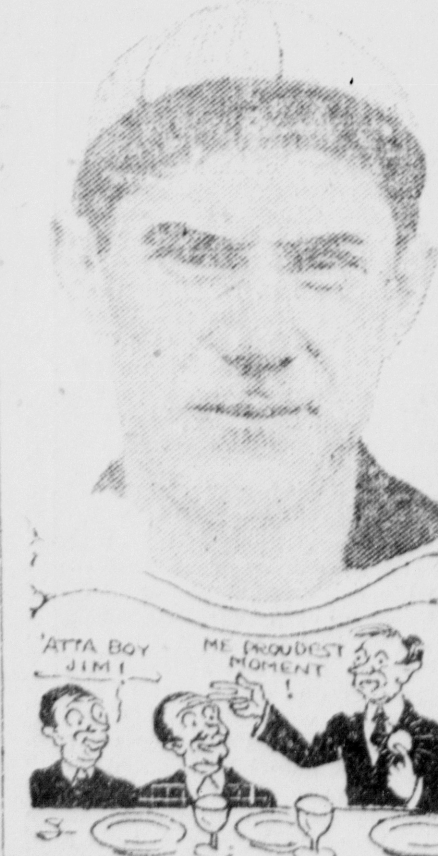
"We've been married 27 years and this is going to be your engagement ring," he told his wife and had the stone mounted in a handsome ring. The automobile cost him \$450 and would have been a bargain at much more than that.

NEW PASTOR CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH HAS BEEN SECURED

Rev. J. D. Herron, pastor of Holy Trinity Episcopal church at Hartwell, Cincinnati, Ohio, will be the new pastor of Christ Episcopal church of this city.

Rev. Herron has been assigned to this parish by the Bishop and will take up his charge here February 1. He will also act as pastor of the Episcopal church at Wilmington and will travel to that place by automobile. Rev. Herron and his wife will move to Xenia, to make their home.

DELAHANTY FINALLY IS REWARDED FOR WORK IN BASEBALL



Jim Delahanty.

Jim Delahanty, veteran diamond star, helped professional ball clubs in four different leagues win pennants and says he never received any token of thanks for his work. Last season he helped the Standard Parts amateur team of Cleveland, O., win the National Amateur Baseball Federation championship. At a banquet recently the N. A. B. F. gave him and each of the other players on the team a gold championship medal.

INJECTION OF QUININE IN BLOOD STOPS PNEUMONIA

New York, Dec. 21.—Development of influenza into pneumonia can be prevented by the injection of quinine into the veins, according to an open letter appearing in today's issue of the Medical Record. The letter is signed by Walter M. Burrows, M. D., and assistant surgeon Elliott C. Burrows, Lieutenant, U. S. N. R. F. Judgment of the efficacy of this treatment was reserved by members of the medical profession until results of its more extensive use are reported.

One patient, according to the letter, who had a temperature of 104, and all other symptoms of influenza, at the time of an injection of 22 1-2 grains of quinine, responded to the treatment within 12 hours.

It is not suggested in the letter that influenza can be cured by the injection of quinine, but that if the disease has not been controlled naturally in the first three, four or five days, quinine should be injected before resistance is lowered or pneumonia is extensive.

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ANOTHER DEGREE FOR U. S. PRESIDENT

Paris, Dec. 21.—President Wilson will receive today the first degree of Honoris Causa ever conferred by the famous Sorbonne University. The institution was only recently authorized to imitate foreign universities in this regard. The ceremony was scheduled for 4:30 P. M.

Life's Greatest Handicap.
It is a sad thing to begin life with low conceptions of it. There is no misfortune comparable to a youth without a sense of nobility. Better be born blind than not to see the glory of life. —Theodore T. Munger.

DECEMBER TAXES MAY BE PAID JAN. 20

The county commissioners have extended the time for payment of the December taxes until January 20. This is the customary extension of thirty days from the date fixed by law, which the commissioners are authorized to make.

Deputy County Treasurer, J. H. McVay completed Thursday, his tour of towns in the county where he spent a week collecting taxes. His collections in the various towns totalled \$16,000.

Payment of taxes up until Friday were unusually brisk. The biggest day in the office so far during the present collection period, was last Wednesday when \$26,923 were taken in.

Diseases Spread by Wars.

In the nineteenth century, during the Russo-Turkish wars, typhus spread from Turkey up through Wallachia into Austria. The French suffered from it during the Crimean conflict. In the Franco-Prussian war, the French, being poorly clothed and fed, again suffered. The Balkan war seems to have been notable more for cholera, a summer disease, than typhus, which flourishes best in winter.

GEORGE WASHINGTON IS DUE TO ARRIVE ON CHRISTMAS DAY

New York, Dec. 21.—The United States transport, George Washington, which took President Wilson to France, is due to arrive in port on Christmas day, it was reported at the embarkation headquarters today.

She will bring the complete 139th Field Artillery, consisting of 43 officers and 1,484 men, headquarters company of the 137th Field Artillery, and batteries A, B, D and E, consisting of 33 officers and 824 men also aboard.

Others on board are 49 officers and 82 men of advanced school detachments of the 110th division; two officers and 103 men of casual detachment No. 1, of the chemical warfare service; 35 officers and 149 casual officers of the 138th Field Artillery and 93 sick and wounded.

The total on board will be 3,818.

Not Much, Even at That.

Willie Simson—"My, but I thought you were a great deal bigger than you are." Featherstone—"What gave you such an idea, Willie?" "Why, sister said that all you did was to take up room."—Life.

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FOR SALE—Male calf five days old. Bell phone 4006-14. 12-24

FOR SALE—Barred Plymouth cockerels, 2 M. B. Turkey Toms. Also an acetylene light plant, Daytonia, Jos. T. Hutchinson, Bell phone 1039-14. 12-24

FOR SALE—Good general purpose horse, 7 years old, good work, fancy driver, Floyd Weaver, C. 14-829. 12-27

FOR SALE—Oats for seed and feed. Also, choice mixed hay. C. H. Peterson, Cedarville, 33-121. A. J. Pittsick. 12-27

FOR SALE—On 4 1/2 six cylinder 1917 Buick touring car, new top and curtains. Five practically new tires, new battery, newly painted and overhauled. This car is as good as new. Also one four cylinder Saxon, late model, self starter, dependable runs extra tire, in perfect condition. M. H. Schmidt, the Buick Man, with the Xenia Garage Co. 12-23

FOR SALE—The site occupied by the post office at Wilberforce and adjoining building. Rents at present at \$120 per year. Fifty feet front. Fine place for boarding house. Price reasonable and terms to suit. See Chaplain Steward, owner. 12-23

FOR SALE—Full blooded white Plymouth Rock roosters. Mutual phone. Mrs. Fred McKinney. 12-23

FOR SALE—A modern baby buggy, cheap. 621 E. Market st. 12-23

FOR SALE—White Plymouth Rock cockerels. Also Poland China male hogs. Citizens 2-828. 12-23

FOR SALE—4 cylinder Studebaker Chummy roadster, 1918 model, starter, generator in good shape. No reasonable offer refused. 929-R, Bell or 31 Home ave. 12-23

FOR SALE—Some Duroc male pigs, eligible to register. Call Paul Glass, C. H. phone 2-315. 12-23

FOR SALE—Turkeys and ducks for Xmas. Call Mrs. Frank Routhen, Bell phone. 12-23

FOR SALE—Canary birds, excellent singers. Henry Engelsing, 220 N. West street. 1-12

FOR SALE—Two year old Duroc Jersey male hog, extra good, Ores Orion Chief, No. 99357. Citizens 2-818. J. W. Peterson. 12-21

FOR SALE—Young geese for Christmas dinner. Also coal heating stove. Citizens 12-818. 12-21

TYPEWRITER, Oliver, for sale, \$15 cash, \$20 on time. Harbaine, Allen Building. 12-21

FOR SALE—Property on Burlington pike, 1 1/2 miles out. 4 room house, out buildings, garage, large blacksmith shop, 1 acre good land. Good well. Call on G. W. Hall, Xenia, Ohio. 12-25

FOR SALE OR RENT—65 acre improved stock or dairy farm. C. C. Turner, Wilberforce. Citizens phone 3-807 or Bell 4008-R-12. 1-16

FOR SALE—Ford 1 ton truck, with cattle rack. Also 5 passenger Ford touring car, both in good running order. Bell phone 33-W Bellbrook. 12-21

FOR SALE—300 bu. fine seed oats. Call R. Mangan, Bell 4011-W-4. 12-23

FOR SALE—Single Comb Rhode Island Red Cockerels. Mrs. Verley Davis, Rural 6, Xenia, Ohio. 12-23

FOR SALE—Shropshire ewes, 20 yearlings, seven lambs. E. S. Davidson, 363-W-3 Bell. 12-21

FOR SALE—Non-pareil Barred Plymouth Rock cockerels. Schwab Bros. and other leading strains. Special prices until Jan. 1st. J. H. Mackey, Jamestown, O. Citizens phone 2-0. 11-23-17

FOR SALE—All kinds of cook stoves, wood or coal, also gas ranges and gasoline stoves. All kinds of stove repairs. Andy Phol second hand store, Third street, two doors west of Detroit. 4-17

WANTED

A RELIABLE MAN wanted to sell guaranteed trees, shrubs and roses. See features. For more information, contact Nursery Company, Rochester, N. Y. 12-21

WANTED TO BUY—House, 10 to 15 rooms, suitable for rooming house, centrally located. Address K, care Gazette. 12-23

WANTED—A second hand typewriter, Preter Remington, or any other good machine. Address M, 18 West Main St. 12-21

WANTED—Reliable representative in county to introduce WATER CHASER, the new and wonderful waterproofing compound for roofs, waterproofing shoes, tents, clothing and auto tops. Address White-VanEtten Co., Dept. W, Sidney, Ohio. 12-24

WANTED—Reliable man to represent Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. Good salary and commission. Unlimited opportunity. State age and past employment. Address Mr. Barrow, Grand Hotel. 12-21

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Furnished cottage, 330 E. 2nd st. Call 204 E. 3rd st. Bell phone 69-W. 12-23

PUBLIC SALES

Have your sale announced FREE in this column early, so that you may claim your date and others will stay off of it. These ads are run every day by the Xenia office with the large display advertising. We also furnish sale bills without charge. Let us tell you about it.

PUBLIC SALE—Dec. 27th at 10:30 a. m. at my farm on Fairfield pike, 5 miles north of Xenia, three miles east of Byron, 1 mile northwest of Old Town, 7 horses, 8 head cattle, 60 head P. C. hogs, feed and grain, chickens, household goods and farm implements. Monk & Weikert, Auctioneers, J. E. Sutton, Clerk. N. C. GEO. A. BIRCH.

PUBLIC SALE advertising in the Gazette and Republican bring the crowds. In the days of automobiles, the farmer has no time to stop along the road to read sale bills. He is coming to depend upon these papers to notify him of the sale dates and articles to be offered for sale. It's the buyer from a distance who sees your ad in this paper, who jumps in his auto and hustles to your sale, who pays what your stuff is worth. Your neighbor no longer can stand around and pick off what he needs at an absurd price as he does when you have not properly advertised, and gotten a good crowd. Use the Gazette and Republican if you want the worth of everything you offer. Don't try to save on your advertising.

PUBLIC SALE—Dec. 28th, 10:30 a. m. at Osborn, my entire contractor's property, 28 miles, 2 horses, road roller, dump wagon, Presnos, plow, harness, tents, etc. Monk & Weikert, Auctioneers, J. E. Sutton, Clerk. N. C. S. M. TANNER.

AUCTIONEERS

Who conduct Public Sales in and around Greene county:

Harry Kennon, Cedarville, O.
Col. Meade, Springfield, O.
Titus Bros., So. Charleston, O.
Monk & Weikert, Osborn, O.
Wm. Mills, New Burlington, O.
R. R. Grieve, Xenia, O.
Koogler Bros., R. 7, Xenia.
S. T. Baker, R. D. Cedarville.
W. P. Smith, Davies Bldg., Dayton.
Carl Taylor, R. D. Jamestown.
Harry Wilson, R. C. Cedarville.
Robert Cory, Yellow Springs, O.
C. A. Hanes, R. 7, Xenia.
Lester Shoup, R. 8, Dayton.
Jess Stanley, R. D. Wayneville.
C. T. Hawke, Wayneville, O.
A. McNeal, Centerville, O.
Frank Morrow, R. D. Jamestown.
E. C. Sessler, Jamestown, O.
John H. Wright, Bellbrook, O.
Allison Bros., R. 3, Cedarville, O.

REAL ESTATE

FARM, sixty acres, good improvements, near Xenia. \$5000. Harbaine, Allen Bldg. Telephone. 1-11

FARM Near Dayton Traction, 165 acres, fertile, highly improved, ideal location. \$37,210. Ask particulars, Box 157, Xenia, Ohio. 1-10

FARMS For Sale. Good 60 acre farm \$7000. Lots of others. Come and see me. Harbaine, Allen Bldg. 1-3

REAL ESTATE and loans; notes bought. John Harbaine, Jr., Allen Building, Xenia, O. 9-11-17

TOM C. LONG—Real estate and insurance. Will buy or sell your property, or loan you money. It will pay you to see me. Office 19 South Detroit St. Gazette Building. Both phones. 6-11-17

JOHN W. PRUGH, "The Real Estate Man," will buy or sell your property. Money to loan. Twelve years of successful business. A square deal. Office No. 6 North Detroit St. Both phones. 6-1-17

MISCELLANEOUS

WANTED TO BUY—White Oak, Hickory, Ash and Walnut Logs, highest cash prices paid. Don E. DeVoss, Wilmington, Ohio. Phone 750. 12-21

HARNESS Repair Shop just opened on So. Main street, Cedarville, O. in the A. Bar Building. Bring in your work. Connell Bros. fixers. 12-21

BLACKSMITHING—M. L. Blanton, rear of Ervin & Davis feed store. Horse-shoeing \$1.60, \$1.80, \$2.00. 12-21

CEDARVILLE Cottage of three rooms for rent. \$5.00 monthly. Harbaine, Allen Building. 12-23

STOVES, Furniture, Overcoat, Harness, Sewing machine, for sale. John Harbaine, Allen Building. 1-8

NOTICE TO FARMERS—I am prepared to do butchering on your farms, cattle and hogs. Ernest Friedland, Cedarville, Home phone 129. 12-21

PAINTING, Varnishing, Also floors, a specialty. Seth A. White, 322 E. Third St. 12-9, 11, 13, 16, 18, 20

FOUR Covered Delivery Car, like new. \$525. John Harbaine, Allen Bldg. Telephone. 12-21

GASOLINE ENGINES for sale. New three H. P. 70. John Harbaine, Allen Bldg. 1-3

GOOD second hand heavy and light work harness. John Harbaine, Allen Bldg. 1-3

FISHBACK'S New and Second-Hand Store, 635-637, 638 E. Main. Buy and sell clothes, Stoves, Furniture, Carpets, etc. Citizens' phone G-334. 12-21

DEAD STOCK WANTED—We will pay positively the highest prices. Prompt attention given to all calls. The George Spencer Fertilizer Co. Bell 471-R. Citizens 20. 8-24-17

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Some ten days ago on the Wilmington pike near Middleton's Corner, a ladies fur neck piece with initials J. W. M. worked on the lining in red. Finder please call Citizens phone 4 on 827 or leave at Gazette office, Reward. 12-21

LOST—Shepherd dog, Sable collar with white markings. Tag No. 2002. Finder call Oliver Jobe, Xenia, both phones. 12-21

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed proposals are invited and will be received at our office in the Court house at Xenia, O. up until eleven o'clock a. m. Saturday, Dec. 28th, 1918, for furnishing groceries, also fresh meat supplies, to use at Greene County Infirmary during the months of Jan., Feb. and March 1919. Blank requisitions with form of bids, will be furnished on application. Greene County Commissioners. adv.12-21

FOUR GREENE CO. BOYS ON FRIDAY CASUALTY LIST

The names of four Greene county boys appear in Friday's official casualty list.

Private Wesley M. Tracy, Jr., a son of Wesley M. Tracey, of Paintersville, is reported as wounded, degree undetermined. His father was officially notified by the government, on December 10, that he had been wounded in action October 30. Private Tracy went to Camp Taylor last June 3, was transferred to Camp Beauregard and thence to Newport News, from where he sailed in August, going with his regiment to the front almost directly after arrival in France.

Corporal Charles M. Bowdle, of Cedarville, is reported seriously wounded, and Private Edward Mize, of Cedarville, wounded, degree undetermined. J. Harold Whitt, of this city, is reported slightly wounded.

Mrs. Austin's delicious Buckwheat cakes, Good, honest, three pound package—twenty-five cents.

XENIA MARKETS

XENIA GRAIN AND PRODUCE
Corn, per bushel\$1.30
Oats, per bushel65c
Wheat per bushel\$2.12
Rye, per bushel\$1.45
Baled Timothy Hay\$25.00
Mixed Hay\$24.00
Clover Hay\$18.00
Clover Seed\$14.00
Straw\$7.00
Eggs, retail62c
Eggs, wholesale57c
Butter, retail70c
Oleomargarine, retail40c
Oleomargarine, wholesale34c
Spring chickens, wholesale18c
Spring chickens, retail25c

XENIA LIVE STOCK
Corrected daily by FAULKNER & JOHN.

HOGS
Hogs, 200 lbs. up\$16.00
Light hogs\$15.50@16.00
Sows\$14.00

CATTLE
Stags\$12.00
Good heifers\$7.00@7.50
Shipping steers\$5.00@5.50
Cows\$4.50@5.00
Bologna cows\$4.50@5.00
Veal calves\$14.00
Lamb\$12.00
Sheep\$8.00

XENIA LIVE STOCK
Corrected daily by MUNN & BRON and Peterson.

HOGS
Hogs\$16.50
Sows\$15.00
Stags\$12.00

CATTLE
Shipping steers\$9.00@10.00
Butcher steers & heifers\$7.00@8.00
Cows, fat\$6.00@6.50
Bologna cows\$4.00@5.00
Veal calves\$14.00@15.00
Spring lambs\$15.00
Sheep\$10.00@12.00

SHEEP AND LAMBS.
Lambs\$12.00@14.00
Sheep\$8.00@10.00

DAYTON MARKETS

Oats—70c per bushel.
Rye—\$1.45 per bushel.
Wheat—\$2.13 per bushel.
Corn—\$1.70 per cwt.

HOGS.
Choice heavies\$17.25
Select butchers and packers\$17.25
Heavy yorkers\$17.25
Light yorkers\$14.00@15.00
Choice fat sows\$14.00@14.50
Common to fair sows\$13.00@14.00
Stags\$17.00@12.00

CATTLE.
Fair heifers\$7.00@9.00
Bologna cows\$5.00@6.50
Good to choice heifers\$10.00@12.00
Calves\$17.00
Fair to medium butchers\$10.00@12.00
Choice fat cows\$8.00@10.00
Bologna bulls\$8.00@10.00
Fair to good shippers\$13.00@15.00
Good to choice butchers\$12.00@14.00

TIME TABLE

PENNSYLVANIA LINES.
For Columbus and the East.
3:57 a. m. daily except Sunday; 9:53 a. m. Sunday only; 10:45 a. m., 11:13 a. m., 2:13 p. m., 6:15 p. m., accommodation; 6:32 p. m., 7:00 p. m., 8:55 p. m.
From Columbus and the East.
4:15 a. m., 7:20 a. m., 7:55 a. m., 8:25 a. m., 9:00 a. m., 2:53 p. m., 6:35 p. m., 10:25 p. m.
For Cincinnati and the South.
4:30 a. m., 5:10 a. m. daily except Sunday; 8:15 a. m., 9:05 a. m., 1:25 p. m., Saturday only; 3:05 p. m., 5:10 p. m., daily except Saturday and Sunday; 6:47 p. m.
From Cincinnati and the South.
8:47 a. m., 9:40 a. m. Sunday only; 10:45 a. m., 1:00 p. m. Saturday only; 2:50 p. m., 3:13 p. m., 6:10 p. m., 6:54 p. m., 7:55 p. m., 10:50 p. m.
For Dayton and the West.
7:25 a. m., 8:03 a. m., accommodation; 8:25 a. m. (Pullman extra fare); 10:50 a. m., Dayton only; 2:15 p. m., Dayton only; 6:15 p. m., 9:40 p. m., 10:30 p. m.
From Dayton and the West.
7:45 a. m. (Chicago sleeper); 8:25 a. m., 11:15 a. m., 2:55 p. m., 5:30 p. m., 5:45 p. m., 6:25 p. m.
For Springfield.
From Springfield.
7:55 a. m., 9:35 p. m.

Baltimore & Ohio.
For the East—7:50 a. m. and 5:10 p. m.
For the West—9:00 a. m. and 7:00 p. m.
Time the same daily and Sunday. East-bound trains run only to Chillicothe. All trains stop at Camp Sherman. Train leaves Chillicothe in the afternoon at 4:30 o'clock.

TRACON LINES.
To Dayton.
Cars run every hour to Dayton from 5:00 a. m. to 11:00 p. m. No 5:00 o'clock car on Sunday morning.

RUSSIAN DIPLOMATS TO AIR THEIR VIEWS ON NATION'S NEEDS AT PEACE CONFERENCE



The Russian problem has already been taken up by President Wilson with the French statesmen. Determination of a well defined policy for handling the situation will be one of the first moves of the conference. Three prominent Russian diplomats are to give the peace delegates their views on the state of affairs and remedies needed.

GREENE CO. BOYS PASS EXAMINATION FOR COMMISSIONS

Recent word from Sgt. John W. Collins in a letter to his father, written on "Dad's Day," Nov. 24th, brings the intelligence that he and Sgt. J. Wilbur Cory, of Yellow Springs, finished the course at Army Candidate School on Nov. 14th, each with the rank of 3rd place in his respective platoon of 75 members, 25 of Collins' platoon passing. He was offered a position as instructor in the school. Because of the signing of the armistice just three days before their finishing, they only received a certificate of their eligibility to a Lieutenant's Commission, which was a great disappointment to the boys as well as to their friends.

They are now with their old company and will probably soon be home as the 83rd Division is reported to be coming back before long to the United States.

FOOD FOR GENERAL GIVING TO POOR IS BEING SOLICITED

The appeal to farmers and city people for a donation of food at this time is not intended for Xmas baskets but to be used as stock for general giving out through the winter as needed. There are several very needy cases just now and these will be looked after by the Social Service League. The League will greatly appreciate a generous donation just now.

If you or your church or a group of your friends wish to give a basket to some needy family the League can supply you with a name.

If you are going to give a basket to some family whom you know, please report to League to avoid duplications.

There is one sign that should be placed over every letter box in the city.
What is that?
Post No Bills!

On Reading the Readers.
Voltaire said, in speaking of social revolution: "There is no danger in the nine-volume philosophical encyclopedia, but watch out for the pamphlet that fits into the side coat pocket and sells for a few sous."—Cottrell's Magazine.

Frog's Appetite.
The common green frog has been discovered to possess an insatiable greed for wasps. This extraordinary appetite does not seem to be in the least checked by an occasional sting. The protecting color of the frog, which sits motionless upon leaves, no doubt deludes the most wary of insects into a sense of security.

ed. The three are Prince Lvoff, premier in the Kerensky cabinet, Boris Bakhmetieff, Russian ambassador in Washington appointed by Kerensky, and Prof. Paul Milukoff, Kerensky's minister of foreign affairs. Whether these men represent the greater part of the Russian people at this time must be decided by the delegates.

Ralph Fulton, of Miami township, brought suit for \$2000 damages against the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, for personal injuries sustained when a truck belonging to the defendant company, collided with an automobile in which he was riding, on the Yellow Springs and Xenia pike the evening of November 11.

The petition recites that the car in which the plaintiff was riding was being operated at a speed not in excess of 18 miles an hour, and that the road laws were all being observed. That the defendant's automobile was being operated at a dangerous and excessive rate of speed, and that its driver failed to give half of the road to the plaintiff's car, and ran into the car, throwing it into the ditch. The plaintiff says that he received injuries from which he has not yet recovered.

E. A. Oster, who was with Mr. Fulton at the time, sued the same company for \$200 for damages to the car. Marcuc Shoup is the attorney.

Getting Rid of It.
Mary Elizabeth had been sitting by her mother for a full hour trying with all her might to make a dress for her dollie. Suddenly she heaved a deep sigh, and when her mother asked her why she did so she replied, "Oh, I less just to let the tired get out."

CUT THIS OUT—IT IS WORTH MONEY.
DON'T MISS THIS. Cut out this slip, enclose with 5c to Foley & Co., 2835 Sheffield Ave., Chicago, Ill., writing your name and address clearly. You will receive in return a trial package containing Foley's Honey and Tar Compound, for coughs, colds and croup, Foley Kidney Pills and Foley Cathartic Tablets. Sayre & Hemphill, adv.

Mrs. Jones Tells How PEPISINCO Helped Her Stomach!

I just suffered everything. Nothing agreed with me at all. A few minutes after eating I had pain, sourness and as a rule would belch bad tasting stuff.

I tried doctors; I tried medicines; all without effect. Pepsinco was recommended. I honestly believe that I can thank Pepsinco for my good health today.

I can eat anything and I am without pain. I would suggest that if there is anything wrong with your stomach, that you go to any drug store and get a small package of Pepsinco.

The above is a testimonial from a party who followed the advice of a friend. Suppose you do the same.

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Public Sale

RAGTIME CURES ONE SICK BLACK WARRIOR

Paris, Nov. 28.—(By Mail.)—"Jim" was a big black patient in the Red Cross hospital at St. Denis. He was a "mighty sick nigger," as he said, his illness being a combination of machine-gun wound in the leg and shell shock. He couldn't even turn over on his cot, much less walk.

But that was before he heard Europe's orchestra. Europe and his famous musicians were in Paris on their way from one assignment to another, for they are more in demand at camps in France than ever they were in New York cabarets. The American Red Cross got permission for them to play at its St. Denis hospital. And you should have heard the boys cheer when syncopated strains from

Europe's instruments swelled through the wards!

As for Jim he not only could move; he could hop, and hop he did, from his cot to a station so close to the big bass drum that the dusky drummer had to cut out some of his customary gyrations.

After it was all over the Red Cross hospital representative from Chattanooga, Tenn., who had arranged the concert, saw Jim sitting on the edge of his cot, an ebony picture of content and comfort.

"Jim, you rascal," she said, "I thought you were so sick." "Yes'm," replied Jim, "I certainly was a sick man, and my leg troubled me mighty much, but nothing ain't bothered me since I heard that band, no ma'm."

Next to ice cream nothing makes so big a hit with the boys in the hospital as do the band concerts that are a regular feature of the Red Cross program in France to make a stay in a hospital as happy as may be for Yank wounded.

EAST END NEWS

Remember Christmas night, Dec. 25 at Zion Church. This festival occasion promises to be the latest creation of the season. All are invited; Admission free.

Zion Baptist church, G. M. Beeton, minister, 9:30 Sunday school; 10:45 special Christmas sermons by the pastor. Please come prepared to settle your financial account for the passing year. 7 p. m. service.

East Main street Christian church—10 a. m., Sunday school; 11, morning services and communion. 7 p. m., Christian endeavor, Wednesday evening prayer meeting. Topic for discussion is: "The Comforter." Friday evening "Training for Service Class," at residence of Mrs. Fannie Leftwich.

Mr. Alexander of the Jamestown pike is quite ill suffering with typhoid pneumonia.

St. John's A. M. E. church—Rev. P. A. Nichols, D. D., pastor, 10:45 a. m., preaching; 12:20 p. m. to 1:20, Sunday school, Mr. James H. Peters, superintendent; 2:30 p. m., sacred concert by Band No. 10, Miss Hattie Hawkins, leader. A silver offering will be lifted; 6 p. m., Allen C. E. league, Mrs. Selena C. Dieckerson, president; 7 p. m., preaching. Rally next Sunday. The Christmas entertainment by the Sunday school will be Tuesday night. The pupils are invited to all services.

Third M. E. church services Sunday will be as follows: Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.; preaching at 11 a. m., and 7:30 p. m. A cordial invitation is extended to the public. Rev. D. H. V. Parnell, pastor.

Rev. W. C. Allen went to London yesterday to visit Rev. Meadows, State Baptist Missionary, who is quite ill. Rev. Allen left him feeling better and in fine spirits.

St. John's A. M. E. choir rehearsal Monday night at 7:30. All members are urged to be present.

Third Baptist Church, A. McClintock Howe, pastor, 10:30 A. M., devotional and praise service, conducted by the deacons. 10:45 A. M., worship and sermon. Theme of sermon, "The Household of God." ("Or The Christian Family"). 12:15, Bible school, H. W. Gales, supt. 3:00 P. M., memorial service. Prof. W. S. Scarborough, president of Wilberforce University, and others will speak. 6:30 P. M. B. Y. P. U. Mrs. Elizabeth Sims, president. 7:30 P. M., worship and sermon. A cordial invitation is extended to all of the services. Mid-week services every Wednesday evening. Please come on time.

Band No. 10 will give a sacred concert at St. John's A. M. E. church for the benefit of rally. An excellent program has been arranged to which the public in general is cordially invited. A silver offering will be lifted.

Miss Hattie J. Hawkins, leader, Mrs. Cora Hawkins left for Cincinnati Wednesday afternoon to attend the funeral of Mrs. Mary Holland, which took place Thursday afternoon. She had been in failing health for several years. Mrs. Holland will be remembered by many in this city, who will be sorry to learn of her death, as she often visited at the home of Dr. and Mrs. H. R. Hawkins.

Miss E. Ray Roberts, of Washington, D. C., is expected home Sunday to spend the Xmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. Gracie Roberts and family.

First A. M. E. church, Sunday School at 9:30, Morning service 11:45 Forum League at 3 p. m. Endeavor League at 6:00. Preaching at 7:30 p. m. P. S. Hill, pastor

WILL ASK WILSON TO DEFINE ATTITUDE TOWARD RUSSIA

London, Dec. 21.—President Wilson, arriving here immediately after Christmas, will be urged by liberal leaders to define his attitude toward Russia.

Many officials regard the Russian situation one of the most important features of the peace conference.

Pig Iron From Iron Sands. Experiments in New Zealand have demonstrated the practicability of producing pig iron from iron sands. The development of the industry has reached the stage where iron is actually produced at the rate of 15 tons per day. Plants are now being made for greatly enlarging the plant.

URGES THAT WOMEN ENTER RADIO WORK




Mrs. Herbert Sumner Owen.

Mrs. Herbert Sumner Owen, chairman of the women's radio corps, believes that radio work will be one of the most attractive vocations for women during peace times. At present the organization has but twenty-one members. The first duty of the women was to teach drafted men the radio buzzer, but their present work is the inspection of radio equipment.

NAMED FOREIGN MINISTER. Copenhagen, Dec. 21.—Count Brochdorff, of Rantzen, minister to Denmark, has been appointed German foreign minister, a Berlin dispatch announced today.

Some Tables Priceless. There is a tremendous demand today for old mahogany or oak tables. If there are any historic associations attached to these tables they bring fabulous prices. There are plenty of tables in the country possessing real historic interest, but none of them is in the least likely at the moment to come on the open market. The table on which Napoleon signed his abdication may be said to be priceless. In England there is a mahogany table which tradition says was washed up on the coast of Clare after the wreck of the Spanish armada.

Only Art That Endures. We are moved only by the souls that have suffered and the hearts that know, and so all art that endures is a living, quivering cross section of life. —Elbert Hubbard.



Does Your Food Kick Back?

Thousands upon thousands are taking Pepsinco, the marvel of the 20th century, because they could not eat a meal without distress, pain and a disagreeable bloating. Today they are better, able to eat what they want and when they want. They took Pepsinco. Do you feel bad after eating. Take Pepsinco. They will aid digestion. No pain, distress. It's like living life over again when you take Pepsinco. The absence of pain and sourness makes you contented and happy. Mr. R. said Pepsinco saved his life simply because he did not dare eat things good for him and he was slowly starving to death. Pepsinco helped him. All druggists sell and recommend Pepsinco.

MILK INTERESTS FAIL TO FIX PRICES

Columbus, Dec. 21.—Representatives of milk interests of Ohio's largest cities gathered here to fix January prices, were unable to agree on prices after Food Administrator Crotton informed them that the milk Dec. 31.

Prices will probably be determined by a commission would cease to exist between producers and distributors in the local districts, as before the war.

WILL ERECT MEMORIAL

Athens, O., Dec. 21.—Unexpected war chest balance, estimated between \$100,000 and \$150,000, will be used to erect hospital Hocking Valley Mining district as memorial to 1,500 Athens county boys in service.

Torch of One's Own.

As Plutarch tells us, "It is well to go for a light to another man's fire, but not to tarry by it, instead of lighting a torch of one's own." A torch of one's own! That is a possession worth having, whether it be a flaming beacon on the hilltop or a tiny taper in the window. We cannot tell how far a little candle throws its beams, nor who is laying his course by its flickering light. The most that we can do—and it is also the least that we should do—is to tend the flame carefully and to keep it steady.—Brander Matthews.

THEATERS

BIJOU

"The Lesson," is the title of the latest Selznick release, which finds that pretty and charming little star, Constance Talmadge, in the leading role and ably supported by that equally charming star, Tom Moore.


The story is one of just plain folks in a little town, and its "lesson" touches home. Tom Moore has a wonderfully strong part in the picture and makes the most of it. Little need be said of Miss Talmadge. The picture is at the Bijou Theater Monday.

ORPHIUM

Pauline Starke and Casson Fergeson are supported by a good cast in the Triangle picture "Alias Mary Brown," which is being screened at the Orphium Monday.

The picture is a late Triangle release with a new and original plot and well enacted. Supporting the leads are such stars as A. N. Millet, Eugene Burr, Sidney de Gray, Walter Belasco, Dick Rossen and others. "The sweetest underworld story ever told," is the way one writer describes it.

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Miss Janet Allison, who has been in attendance at Miss Ely's school in New York City, is expected home for the holiday vacation to-morrow morning.

Mr. C. E. Arbogast is able to be out after having been confined to his home for a week past by illness.

Wm. Hawley, local agent, has some special bargains for the holidays in pianos and organs.

Mr. Harry LeSourd and sister, Miss Florence, who have been attending school at Delaware, O., are home for the holiday vacation. A school mate of Miss Florence is with her.

Marcus Shoun arrived at court this morning with one cheek all swelled out, a decided case of mumps having developed. Elocution and the mumps are not congenial.

Home Weekly.—The big ice house has been filled this week with a good quality of thick ice from the lake. It is a very rare thing in this locality to have an ice harvest before Christmas. There has already been more severe cold weather and ice and snow in the first half of December than we some times have in a whole winter. With the ice houses already filled, the prospect for some good skating is very promising.

Our councilmen and city officials have received invitations from the Dayton & Xenia Traction Co., to attend the breaking of ground for that line, which took place at Dayton this morning.

Substitute for Metal Pipes. Piping of compressed cellulose is now being used abroad instead of metal pipes, according to reports. While satisfactory for hot and cold air and corrosive acids, it is not suitable for steam.

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